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H.R. No. 138

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents and representatives of The Colony
2 are gathering at the State Capitol in Austin on January 29, 2019;
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4 WHEREAS, Situated on Lake Lewisville in southeastern Denton
5 County, The Colony was created from the Peters Colony grant by the
6 Texas Legislature in 1846; the city is located on the site of the
7 Hedgecoxe War of 1852, in which an armed uprising of settlers
8 protested an attempt by the Texas Emigration and Land Company to
9 compromise their land claims; the 1902 opening of a railroad line
10 shifted the local economy from cattle raising to cotton farming,
11 and the region returned to its agricultural roots until the
12 mid-1900s; and

13 WHEREAS, Following the construction of the Lake Lewisville
14 dam, a Dallas-based residential developer purchased the land and
15 named the new lakeside housing community The Colony to honor the
16 region's early history; the first families moved into their homes
17 in 1974, and by 1977 The Colony had over 3,500 residents and was
18 incorporated as a city; and

19 WHEREAS, With a population of more than 42,000 today, The
20 Colony is home to 28 parks and more than 3,000 acres of stunning
21 green space, including an impressive trail system that runs along
22 23 miles of shoreline; the city boasts a number of state-of-the-art
23 athletic facilities, such as the Five Star Complex, and several
24 award-winning golf courses, including the Old American Golf Club;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Known for its endless outdoor amenities, The Colony
3 offers outstanding opportunities for residents and visitors alike
4 to enjoy camping, fishing, boating, and waterskiing; an assortment
5 of programs and events are offered to the public throughout the
6 year, including dances, movies in the park, musical performances,
7 campouts, and various holiday celebrations; and

8 WHEREAS, With a strong sense of community, a high quality of
9 life, and a vibrant suburban atmosphere, The Colony is a desirable
10 community in which to live and work, and the members of its visiting
11 delegation, including Mayor Joe McCourry, councilman Richard
12 Boyer, city manager Troy Powell, director of community relations
13 Joe Perez, and director of government relations Brant
14 Shallenburger, may indeed take pride in the place they call home;
15 now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
17 Legislature hereby honor the visiting delegation from The Colony on
18 the occasion of their visit to the State Capitol on January 29,
19 2019, and extend to them sincere best wishes for a meaningful and
20 memorable visit to Austin.