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H.R. No. 689

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of DeSoto are gathering at city hall  
2 on March 2, 2019, to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the  
3 incorporation of their community; and

4 WHEREAS, The first settlers were farmers, who arrived in the  
5 immediate area in 1847, and a general merchandise store built to  
6 meet the demand for goods opened about a year later; in 1881, the  
7 settlement received a post office and its name, DeSoto, in honor of  
8 beloved physician Dr. Thomas Hernando DeSoto Stewart; and

9 WHEREAS, Recognizing the need for an improved water  
10 distribution system after World War II, the town's residents  
11 presented a petition to the Dallas County judge requesting an  
12 election for incorporation; the measure passed on March 2, 1949,  
13 and the City of DeSoto was created; it had a population of  
14 approximately 400 people; and

15 WHEREAS, One of the oldest settlements in North Texas, DeSoto  
16 is today a thriving and vibrant community of more than 53,000  
17 residents; nestled among the trees and rolling hills of  
18 southwestern Dallas County, it is a city with a record of exemplary  
19 community engagement and has been named as a National Civic League  
20 All-America City in honor of its civic spirit; and

21 WHEREAS, DeSoto offers welcoming neighborhoods, exemplary  
22 schools, and an expanded park system, and its residents may indeed  
23 take great pride in their history as they look forward to a bright  
24 and prosperous future; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
2 Legislature hereby commemorate the 70th anniversary of the  
3 incorporation of DeSoto and extend to the city's residents sincere  
4 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

5           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
6 prepared for the City of DeSoto as an expression of high regard by  
7 the Texas House of Representatives.