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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The annual Belton 4th of July parade is marking its
2 centennial in 2019; and

3 WHEREAS, The first 4th of July parade in Belton was held in
4 1850 with local groups and organizations marching through downtown,
5 and it became an annual event in 1919; hosted by the Belton Area
6 Chamber of Commerce, this festive celebration has become one of the
7 most beloved traditions among area residents, attracting over
8 30,000 spectators each year, and it has garnered acclaim from local
9 and national media, including *USA Today*, which has named the parade
10 to its list of "10 great places to fly your patriotic colors on July
11 4th"; and

12 WHEREAS, In addition to the parade, Belton's annual 4th of
13 July festivities feature a kick-off barbecue at Yettie Polk Park
14 and a festival at Nolan Creek, as well as a rodeo, which was
15 officially added to the chamber's Independence Day celebration in
16 1924 and has since expanded into a three-day event sponsored by the
17 Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association; and

18 WHEREAS, Each year, this highly anticipated event brings
19 together patriotic neighbors to celebrate the freedom that has
20 defined our nation since its birth, and it is a pleasure to join
21 with Belton residents and visitors alike in commemorating this
22 milestone year in the parade's rich history; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
24 Legislature hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of the annual

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1 4th of July parade in Belton and extend to all those participating
2 in the celebration sincere best wishes for a meaningful and
3 memorable event; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for the Belton Area Chamber of Commerce as an expression of
6 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.