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H.R. No. 1119

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Alvin Community College is celebrating its 70th  
2 anniversary in 2019; and

3           WHEREAS, Approved by voters in the Alvin Independent School  
4 District in 1948, the college was first administered by district  
5 officials; it initially operated as part of Alvin High School,  
6 serving 134 students in grades 11 through 14; later, a separate  
7 facility was built for college-level academic work, and additional  
8 faculty members were hired; the standards of the Southern  
9 Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools were met in 1959, and  
10 Alvin Community College moved to its present campus in 1963; and

11           WHEREAS, A separate administration, tax district, and  
12 college board were established in the 1971-1972 academic year for  
13 the newly created Alvin Junior College District; a few years later,  
14 citizens voted to almost double the geographical size of the  
15 district, and in 1975, voters approved an \$8 million bond issue to  
16 meet the demands of growing enrollment; the service area was  
17 expanded further in 1998 with the founding of the Pearland Center,  
18 and in 2005, a nearly \$20 million bond issue was approved to provide  
19 for a new science/health science building; continuing its  
20 partnership with the Pearland Independent School District, the  
21 college provides classes at Robert Turner College and Career High  
22 School; and

23           WHEREAS, In 2017, the college achieved a record high  
24 enrollment of more than 5,800, and it now offers courses at 15

1 different locations; designated as a Hispanic-Serving Institution  
2 by the U.S. Department of Education, it is also one of 67 colleges  
3 in the country included in the Second Chance Pell pilot program;  
4 moreover, on four occasions, it has been named among the nation's  
5 top 150 community colleges by the Aspen Institute; and

6 WHEREAS, Over the past seven decades, Alvin Community College  
7 has played a vital role in the community, providing students with  
8 the educational resources required to build a bright and prosperous  
9 future; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby commemorate the 70th anniversary of Alvin  
12 Community College and extend to all those associated with this  
13 noteworthy institution sincere best wishes for continued success;  
14 and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for the college as an expression of high regard by the  
17 Texas House of Representatives.