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H.R. No. 1140

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Menard County Soil and Water Conservation  
2 District is celebrating the 75th anniversary of its founding in  
3 2019; and

4           WHEREAS, In 1943, landowners in Menard County petitioned the  
5 Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board to create a local  
6 conservation district; on March 15, 1944, Menard County Soil and  
7 Water Conservation District No. 215 was formally organized under  
8 the leadership of its inaugural board members H. H. Mears, John  
9 M. Treadwell, Roy Benson, Max Ficker Jr., and O. C. Jones; in its  
10 early years, the agency teamed up with local farmers, ranchers, and  
11 various organizations in the community to establish a strong  
12 foundation of preservationist practices, including brush  
13 management, terracing, pitting, and irrigation development; and

14           WHEREAS, The district has worked to protect the region's  
15 natural resources, improving soil health and productivity and thus  
16 increasing soil water retention; today, Menard County SWCD benefits  
17 from the dedicated efforts of its staff and board of directors,  
18 including Billy Kniffen, Jerry Kidd, Benny Kothmann,  
19 J. W. Jennings, and Gary C. Treadwell; and

20           WHEREAS, The Menard County Soil and Water Conservation  
21 District has made a lasting and positive difference in area  
22 agriculture by fostering more effective stewardship of the land,  
23 and it is truly deserving of recognition at this special time in its  
24 history; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
2 Legislature hereby congratulate the Menard County Soil and Water  
3 Conservation District on its 75th anniversary and extend to all  
4 those associated with the organization sincere best wishes for the  
5 future; and, be it further

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