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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Taylor Electric Cooperative is celebrating its 80th
2 anniversary in 2019, and this occasion offers a welcome opportunity
3 to recognize the organization's outstanding record of service to
4 the Abilene area; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1936, President Franklin Roosevelt signed into
6 law the Rural Electrification Act to help extend power to rural
7 America at a time when nearly 90 percent of the nation's farms and
8 ranches did not have electricity; aided by funds provided through
9 the REA, a group of community leaders in Merkel joined together in
10 1939 to form the Taylor Electric Cooperative; the group began
11 enrolling members for a fee of five dollars, and on January 30,
12 1941, the cooperative switched on its first power lines, ushering
13 in a new era for local citizens; and

14 WHEREAS, Today, Taylor EC serves residents in Taylor,
15 Callahan, Eastland, Jones, Shackelford, Coke, Fisher, and Nolan
16 Counties, and it benefits from the able leadership of an elected
17 board of directors; since its inception, the utility company has
18 remained committed to a business model centered on member ownership
19 and participation; it has also worked hard to meet the evolving
20 needs of its customers, and to that end, it began offering Access
21 high-speed internet service in 2016; and

22 WHEREAS, Taylor Electric Cooperative has enhanced the
23 quality of life of generations of Texans by providing an affordable
24 and reliable source of electrical power for area homes and

1 businesses, and it is a pleasure to join in honoring the cooperative
2 as it marks this milestone year in its history; now, therefore, be
3 it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Taylor Electric Cooperative on its
6 80th anniversary and extend to all those affiliated with the
7 company sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for the cooperative as an expression of high regard by the
10 Texas House of Representatives.