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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Freese and Nichols is celebrating its 125th
2 anniversary in 2019, providing a fitting opportunity to pay tribute
3 to this venerable Fort Worth engineering and architecture firm; and

4 WHEREAS, The company was first established in 1894 by John
5 B. Hawley; Simon Freese joined the firm as a partner in 1927 and
6 Marvin C. Nichols in 1928, and the company became Freese and
7 Nichols, Inc. in 1976; and

8 WHEREAS, Through the years, the firm has taken part in the
9 design and construction management of such crucial Texas
10 infrastructure projects as the flood control channel of the San
11 Antonio River that is now the River Walk, the first air-conditioned
12 buildings in North Texas, the Pantex Ordnance Plant in Amarillo,
13 the expansion of Arlington Stadium, the Skylink people mover system
14 at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, and numerous water
15 supply reservoirs across the state; and

16 WHEREAS, Today, Freese and Nichols continues to work closely
17 with regional and local governments, federal agencies, educational
18 institutions, the military, energy providers, transportation
19 agencies, river authorities, and water districts in Texas, North
20 Carolina, Oklahoma, Georgia, and Louisiana; and

21 WHEREAS, The company is a positive force in the community as
22 well; its leaders have served on the boards of many worthy
23 community-based organizations, and, over the past four years alone,
24 individual employees have performed more than 25,000 hours of

1 volunteer service; and

2 WHEREAS, Freese and Nichols has been honored with the Texas
3 Treasure Business Award from the Texas Historical Commission, and
4 it is the first engineering and architecture firm ever to receive
5 the prestigious Baldrige Award for Performance Excellence from the
6 U.S. Department of Commerce; it has also earned recognition from
7 the American Council of Engineering Companies, the American Society
8 of Civil Engineers, the American Planning Association, and many
9 other organizations; and

10 WHEREAS, For 125 years, Freese and Nichols has played a
11 significant role in the development and prosperity of the Lone Star
12 State, and its management and employees may indeed take great pride
13 in the company's longevity and its outstanding record of
14 achievement; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
16 Legislature hereby commemorate the 125th anniversary of Freese and
17 Nichols and extend to all those associated with the firm sincere
18 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for Freese and Nichols as an expression of high regard by
21 the Texas House of Representatives.