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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Santa Rosa Palomino Club, one of the premier
2 western riding clubs in Texas and the Southwest, is celebrating the
3 70th anniversary of its founding in 2019; and

4 WHEREAS, Based in Vernon in Wilbarger County, the Santa Rosa
5 Palomino Club was organized by 16 men in 1949; mounted on beautiful
6 palomino horses and donning colorful traditional attire, the club's
7 riders perform a precision drill at rodeos and other events
8 throughout the Southwest; around 200 men have been recruited into
9 the Palomino Club since its inception, with some being second and
10 third generation members from the same families; and

11 WHEREAS, To date, the Palomino Club has prevailed in two
12 National Drill Team Championships, brought home more than 400
13 first-place parade trophies, and appeared at rodeos, wild west
14 shows, charity performances, and other venues in a dozen states;
15 the club has also been featured in books and articles, as well as on
16 several television programs; for many years, it has hosted the
17 Santa Rosa Roundup, a tradition begun by E. Paul Waggoner, and it
18 was instrumental in raising funds to purchase the historic rodeo
19 grounds in Vernon so that the rodeo will continue under local
20 sponsorship; and

21 WHEREAS, Members of the Palomino Club have had the
22 distinction of showcasing their talents at the inauguration parades
23 for Governors Ann Richards and George W. Bush, as well as at an
24 International Lions Club Parade; in 2012, the club represented

1 Vernon and Texas in the Tournament of Roses Parade as a guest of
2 RFD-TV, and later that same year, it was inducted into the Texas
3 Rodeo Hall of Fame in the Fort Worth Stockyards; and

4 WHEREAS, In recent decades, the club has earned a reputation
5 for its performances at the Texas Ranch Roundup, the Cattle Baron's
6 Ball, and the Bustin' Diabetes Rodeo; its notable charitable
7 activities include providing a horse for the
8 Make-A-Wish-Foundation and offering horseback rides at hospitals,
9 living centers, schools, and other events for children who might
10 otherwise never have the opportunity to ride; in recognition of its
11 rich history and admirable record of service, the Texas Legislature
12 named the group the official Ambassadors on Horseback for the State
13 of Texas, a title that it continues to hold today; and

14 WHEREAS, For seven decades, the riders of the Santa Rosa
15 Palomino Club have distinguished themselves through their skilled
16 horsemanship and their generous support of many worthy causes, and
17 the State of Texas is proud to be the home of this storied
18 organization; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
20 Legislature hereby commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Santa
21 Rosa Palomino Club and extend to its members sincere best wishes for
22 continued success; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for the club as an expression of high regard by the Texas
25 House of Representatives.