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1 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The art form of mosaic is a 6,000-year-old technique
3 in which small pieces of glass, stone, or other materials are used
4 to create a pattern or a mural; and

5 WHEREAS, In the City of Levelland, artists have used this
6 ancient art form to portray a visual history of Hockley County and
7 to tell the story of its people and their achievements; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1968, Don Stroud, then an art professor at South
9 Plains College, created and installed the first mosaic work in
10 Levelland; the piece was made with glass tiles, which he had
11 acquired in Mexico, and he and his children installed the mosaic,
12 entitled *Wild Mustangs*, in the Fine Arts Building at the college;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, In the years since, additional mosaic works by Don
15 Stroud and other talented artists have been installed at the
16 college and at locations throughout the city; pieces like *Hockley*
17 *County: Past to Present* and *Land of Soil, Oil, and Education*, as
18 well as *Hockley County Schools* and *Your Children's Children*,
19 recount the area's history, and such works as *Tree of Life*, *Arms of*
20 *Care*, and *New Morning* celebrate the significant roles that the
21 medical profession and educational institutions play in the
22 community; and

23 WHEREAS, Today, Levelland is home to 13 of these distinctive
24 murals, which have engaged the citizenry and raised interest in the

1 arts and culture; local artists and city officials have worked
2 diligently to ensure that the mosaics are kept in pristine
3 condition, and a self-guided tour of the mosaics is a popular
4 activity for residents and visitors to the city; and

5 WHEREAS, Over the years, Levelland has become known
6 throughout the area as the City of Mosaics due to the many
7 captivating mosaic murals that adorn the city's landscape; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas
10 hereby designate Levelland as the official City of Mosaics of
11 Texas; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section
13 [391.003\(e\)](#), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
14 until the 10th anniversary of its designation.