

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 288

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the City of DeSoto, which is celebrating 70 years of growth and progress on March 2, 2019; and

WHEREAS, One of the oldest communities in Texas, the DeSoto area was first settled in 1847; the area saw notable growth after World War II, and residents sought to incorporate the community to improve water distribution; a Dallas County judge approved the petition for a vote of incorporation in February of 1949, and community members favored the establishment of the city by a majority vote on March 2, 1949; the city then was less than one square mile in size; and

WHEREAS, The DeSoto population increased during the mid-1900s, and by 1953, a series of annexations had expanded the city's boundaries to cover 15-square-miles; between 1960 and 2010, the population grew from about 2,000 residents to 49,000; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of DeSoto have benefited from broad-ranging economic development, and an array of local businesses and organizations have helped the community to flourish; in 2006, DeSoto was honored as an All-America City by the National League of Cities; and

WHEREAS, Members of the community are joining together for a city birthday celebration at the DeSoto City Hall exactly 70 years after the city's residents voted for incorporation; citizens can indeed take pride in DeSoto's rich history while looking forward to a bright and prosperous future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 86th Legislature, hereby commend the citizens of DeSoto for helping to build a thriving community in North Texas and extend to them best wishes for a memorable 70th birthday celebration; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the city as a memento of this special occasion.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 27, 2019.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate