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H.R. No. 231

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of the city of Forney are
2 celebrating the 150th anniversary of the founding of their
3 community in 2021; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated in the region of North Texas known as the
5 "Three Forks of the Trinity," the community was originally
6 established in 1871 as Brooklyn; following the arrival of the Texas
7 and Pacific Railway in 1873, it was renamed Forney after John Wien
8 Forney, a journalist, politician, and member of the Texas and
9 Pacific board of directors; the town was officially incorporated in
10 1884; and

11 WHEREAS, Ranchers and farmers were drawn to the area by the
12 rich soil of the blackland prairie, and Forney soon became a
13 thriving center for the production of cotton, corn, grain, and
14 onions; starting in 1936, the community also became a hub for
15 manufacturing, producing such goods as cottonseed oil, ice,
16 athletic supplies, paper products, and plastics; by 1960, the
17 town's population had grown to 3,000 people, and in 1964, the Forney
18 Reservoir, now known as Lake Ray Hubbard, was built on the East Fork
19 of the Trinity River nearby, to supply water to Dallas; and

20 WHEREAS, Recognized by the Texas Legislature in 1987 as the
21 Antique Capital of Texas, Forney today is a rapidly growing
22 community of more than 21,000 citizens as well as a dynamic center
23 for business and retail, and its residents enjoy a high quality of
24 life while taking advantage of the opportunities afforded by their

1 close proximity to Dallas; and

2 WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich history while working to
3 build an even brighter future, the people of Forney may indeed take
4 great pride in their community as they celebrate this significant
5 milestone in their city's history; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
7 Legislature hereby commemorate the 150th anniversary of the city of
8 Forney and extend to its residents sincere best wishes for
9 continued success and happiness; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for the City of Forney as an expression of high regard by
12 the Texas House of Representatives.