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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Throughout 2021, proud residents are celebrating
2 the 175th anniversary of the founding of Polk County; and

3 WHEREAS, Situated in the East Texas Timberlands region, the
4 county is bordered by the Neches and Trinity Rivers; prior to
5 European settlement, the area was home to numerous Native American
6 tribes, including the Hasinai and the Alabama and Coushatta; today,
7 many members of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas live on the
8 oldest reservation in the state, an approximately 10,200-acre site
9 in the Big Thicket, and three streams in the county, Long King, Long
10 Tom, and Tempe, bear the names of Coushatta chiefs; and

11 WHEREAS, Named for President James K. Polk, an advocate for
12 Texas statehood, Polk County was established by the first state
13 legislature on March 30, 1846; Livingston was selected by vote as
14 the county seat that same year, and the new county continued to
15 attract Anglo settlers, who initially built communities along the
16 Trinity River; Polk now encompasses five incorporated cities,
17 Livingston, Corrigan, Onalaska, Goodrich, and Seven Oaks; and

18 WHEREAS, Polk County is admired by residents and visitors
19 alike for the natural beauty of its rolling hills and majestic pine
20 forests; tourism plays a major role in the regional economy, with
21 outdoor enthusiasts enjoying outstanding bird-watching and such
22 activities as fishing, boating, pontoon tours, and horseback riding
23 at Lake Livingston; local attractions also include the Polk County
24 Memorial Museum; and

1 WHEREAS, A consistent leader in timber production in Texas,
2 Polk County supports many other industries as well, including
3 farming and ranching; moreover, a high percentage of the workforce
4 is involved in health care, helping to meet the needs of its growing
5 population; and

6 WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich history as they work together
7 to build a bright future, the people of Polk County may take great
8 pride in the important role their communities continue to play in
9 the story of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
11 Legislature hereby commemorate the 175th anniversary of the
12 founding of Polk County and extend to its citizens sincere best
13 wishes for the future.