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H.R. No. 1724

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Groesbeck are celebrating the
2 150th anniversary of their community at their annual Heritage
3 Festival from May 27 to 30, 2021; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated in the Blackland Prairie region of Central
5 Texas, Groesbeck began as a stop on the Houston and Texas Central
6 Railway in 1869; it was incorporated by the state legislature on
7 April 11, 1871, and the following day, a post office was
8 established; two years later, the city became the county seat of
9 Limestone County; the city's school district was founded in 1890,
10 graduating its first high school class in 1896 and fielding its
11 first football team in 1901; and

12 WHEREAS, In an area rich with history, Groesbeck is near Old
13 Fort Parker, the site of the kidnapping of Cynthia Ann Parker, the
14 mother of Quanah Parker, the last chief of the Comanches, and it is
15 also near the Confederate Reunion Grounds State Historic Site,
16 where veterans of the Civil War gathered regularly from 1889 to
17 1946; the city is also home to one of the oldest municipal swimming
18 pools in the state, dating to 1924, and the historic "million
19 dollar" Limestone County Courthouse, also built in 1924; and

20 WHEREAS, The 150th anniversary Heritage Festival features a
21 carnival, storytellers, live music, rodeo events, and a Memorial
22 Day ceremony followed by a parade led by the Horse Cavalry
23 Detachment of the First Cavalry Division from Fort Hood; and

24 WHEREAS, Celebrating their heritage as they work to build an

1 even brighter future, the residents of Groesbeck are justifiably
2 proud of their community, and it is indeed a pleasure to honor their
3 contributions to the story of the Lone Star State on this milestone
4 occasion; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
6 Legislature hereby commemorate the 150th anniversary of the
7 founding of Groesbeck and extend to its citizens sincere best
8 wishes for a meaningful and memorable celebration; and, be it
9 further

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