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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The RVOS Farm Mutual Insurance Company is 2 celebrating the 120th anniversary of its founding in 2021, offering 3 a fitting opportunity to recognize its rich history and many 4 achievements; and

5 WHEREAS, RVOS Insurance traces its beginnings to January 1901, when nine individuals of Czech descent met at the general 6 7 store in the Bell County farming community of Ocker; they discussed a collaborative effort to provide affordable insurance to rural 8 9 residents to help them cope with unexpected losses; on February 22, the group's vision of neighbors helping neighbors came to fruition 10 11 with the formation of the nonprofit association Rolnickú Vzájemne 12 Ochrannú Spolek Statu Texas (RVOS), which also became known as the Farmers Mutual Protective Association of Texas; and 13

14 WHEREAS, Throughout its history, RVOS has been owned by its policyholders, with lodges being established in local communities 15 16 to represent the interests of the members; the association's senior officers worked from their homes until 1946, when headquarters were 17 established in Temple, and RVOS has been based in the city ever 18 since; the original site of the association's founding is 19 20 commemorated by a Texas Historical Marker, which was dedicated in 21 1987 in eastern Bell County; and

WHEREAS, Since its humble beginnings, when it focused on basic fire and storm coverage, RVOS Insurance has expanded its services and today offers a broad range of options to Texas

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1 homeowners, farmers, and ranchers; and

2 WHEREAS, Longstanding businesses play an important role in 3 furthering the economic well-being of Texas, and all those 4 associated with the RVOS Farm Mutual Insurance Company may take 5 great pride in the contributions that the company has made for well 6 over a century; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas 8 Legislature hereby commemorate the 120th anniversary of the 9 founding of the RVOS Farm Mutual Insurance Company and extend to its 10 policyholders, officers, and employees sincere best wishes for the 11 future; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 13 prepared for RVOS Insurance as an expression of high regard by the 14 Texas House of Representatives.

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