H.R. No. 107

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Proud residents of McLennan County are celebrating the 175th anniversary of their county's establishment in 2025; and

WHEREAS, Situated in East Central Texas, McLennan County occupies 1,031 square miles on the Grand and Blackland Prairies; it is believed that Tonkawas were native to the region, and members of the Wichita, Caddo, and Delaware tribes were also present before the arrival of Anglo settlers; part of the colonization grant obtained from Mexico in 1825, McLennan County was created by the Texas Legislature on January 22, 1850, and named for pioneer Neil McLennan; its government was organized in August of that year with Waco as its county seat; beginning in September, under the direction of county Chief Justice John T. Eubank, the area was laid out in three precincts, and reviewers were appointed for roads leading from Waco to Austin and other towns; further, officials set a $20 license fee for the ferry captain to transport passengers on foot, horse-drawn wagons, and livestock across the Brazos River; and

WHEREAS, Starting in the 1870s, the addition of the Waco Suspension Bridge over the Brazos as well as railroads made Waco a major center for trade; cotton had long been the leading industry, and the early 20th century ushered in a new type of commerce, with the Barton Dyanshine factory, the Atlas Portland Cement Company, and other large businesses moving to the area; and

WHEREAS, By 1990, McLennan County's population had exceeded

189,000, and today, some 273,400 residents call the county home; its biggest city, Waco, boasts such attractions as the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum, the Texas Sports Hall of Fame, the Dr Pepper Museum, and the riverside Brazos Park East; four of the county's institutions of higher learning, Baylor University, McLennan Community College, Tarleton State University, and the Texas State Technical College flagship campus, are also located in Waco; and

WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich history as they work together to build an even brighter future, the people of McLennan County may take great pride in the important role their communities continue to play in the story of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby commemorate the 175th anniversary of McLennan County and extend to its residents sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for the county as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 107 was adopted by the House on September 2, 2025, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House