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H.R. No. 107

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

1 189,000, and today, some 273,400 residents call the county home;
2 its biggest city, Waco, boasts such attractions as the Texas Ranger
3 Hall of Fame and Museum, the Texas Sports Hall of Fame, the
4 Dr Pepper Museum, and the riverside Brazos Park East; four of the
5 county's institutions of higher learning, Baylor University,
6 McLennan Community College, Tarleton State University, and the
7 Texas State Technical College flagship campus, are also located in
8 Waco; and

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

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

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