

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The development of the city of Pineland has been  
2 profoundly shaped by its lumber industry, which has formed the  
3 basis of the community's economy since its founding at the turn of  
4 the 20th century; and

5 WHEREAS, Located in southwestern Sabine County, Pineland  
6 traces its origins to a sawmill and lumber camp that was established  
7 on the Gulf, Beaumont and Great Northern Railway, which laid tracks  
8 through the county in 1902; originally known as John Adam's Mill,  
9 the community acquired its Pineland name when a post office opened  
10 in 1904; and

11 WHEREAS, Nestled in the heart of the East Texas forests,  
12 Pineland grew rapidly as a company town centered around the Temple  
13 Lumber Company, which was established in 1910 when Thomas L. L.  
14 Temple took control of a previously existing mill operation;  
15 through the decades, the company's products included hardwood,  
16 plywood, pine lumber, particleboard, and hardwood flooring, and a  
17 number of new processing facilities were added beginning in the  
18 1960s; and

19 WHEREAS, The company became Temple Industries in 1963, and  
20 additional name changes took place over the next two decades due to  
21 a series of acquisitions and mergers; since 2013, Georgia-Pacific  
22 has operated the mill, and when a \$120 million expansion of the  
23 Pineland Lumber Complex was completed in 2023, it became the  
24 largest sawmill in the southern United States; and

1       WHEREAS, Drawing on the region's vast timber resources,  
2   Pineland has played an integral role in the state's lumber industry  
3   for more than a century, and the city's residents are justifiably  
4   proud of their community's contributions to the Texas economy; now,  
5   therefore, be it

6       RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas  
7   hereby designate Pineland as the official Sawmill Capital of Texas;  
8   and, be it further

9       RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of  
10   Section 391.003(e), Government Code, this designation remain in  
11   effect until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is  
12   finally passed by the legislature.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 84 was adopted by the House on May 16, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 123, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.C.R. No. 84 on May 30, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 122, Nays 13, 4 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 84 was adopted by the Senate, as amended, on May 28, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor