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H.C.R. No. 84

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 Lumber Capital of Texas;  
8 and, be it further

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