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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.