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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Caterpillar Inc. in Irving is celebrating its 100th
2 anniversary in 2025, and this occasion offers a welcome opportunity
3 to reflect on the history and accomplishments of this venerable
4 enterprise; and

5 WHEREAS, Caterpillar can trace its origins back to the late
6 19th century, when inventors Benjamin Holt and C. L. Best
7 independently developed steam- and gasoline-powered equipment that
8 could work faster and longer than horse-drawn machines; their
9 companies merged into what was then known as the Caterpillar
10 Tractor Co. in 1925; initially offering five agricultural models,
11 the company has since expanded its product line to include
12 construction and mining equipment, diesel and natural gas engines,
13 industrial gas turbines, and diesel-electric locomotives; and

14 WHEREAS, Over the decades, Caterpillar products have
15 supported some of the world's biggest infrastructure projects,
16 including the U.S. interstate highway system, the Panama Canal, the
17 Golden Gate Bridge, and the Hoover and Three Gorges Dams, and its
18 equipment played a vital role in powering the Apollo 11 mission to
19 the moon; a strong presence in Texas since the 1960s, the company
20 moved its headquarters to Irving in 2022; and

21 WHEREAS, Caterpillar is dedicated to closing the skills gaps
22 in the manufacturing industry, and it has launched numerous
23 initiatives to further this goal, including a STEM outreach
24 program, a paid technician training initiative, and the Global

1 Dealer Technician Challenge; moreover, the company recently
2 pledged \$100 million to continue its efforts to build an adept
3 workforce; a Fortune 500 company, Caterpillar has been recognized
4 for its innovation, quality, and commitment to diversity,
5 sustainability, and employee satisfaction by such notable
6 publications as *Forbes*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Newsweek*,
7 *Construction Equipment*, and *Roads & Bridges*; and

8 WHEREAS, Businesses that employ Texans and that contribute to
9 the local economy are important components of a prosperous future,
10 and Caterpillar is deserving of recognition for the positive role
11 it plays in the Lone Star State and beyond; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature
13 hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of Caterpillar Inc. and
14 extend to all those associated with the company sincere best wishes
15 for the future; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for Caterpillar as an expression of high regard by the
18 Texas Senate.