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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The City of McCamey is celebrating the 100th
2 anniversary of its founding in 2025; and

3 WHEREAS, Located in West Texas, several miles east of the
4 Pecos River in southwestern Upton County, McCamey developed rapidly
5 following the discovery of oil nearby; in September 1925, the day
6 after the well came in, wildcatter George B. McCamey brought in a
7 team to organize the original townsite company; within months, the
8 community grew from a siding established on the Kansas City, Mexico
9 and Orient Railway into a city of 10,000 people, drawing in
10 families, workers, and entrepreneurs seeking new opportunity amid
11 the oil-rich Permian Basin; the community was named by George Port,
12 land agent for the railroad, and in 1926, the town was incorporated;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, By this time, seven major oil companies had leases
15 in the surrounding area, and the McCamey field became the site of
16 one of the first refineries in West Texas, which was operated by
17 Humble Oil Company from 1927 until 1932; despite the early
18 challenges that accompany any boomtown, its residents laid the
19 foundation for an enduring community with the establishment of the
20 McCamey Independent School District, a post office, and a
21 newspaper, the *Tri-County Record*; and

22 WHEREAS, Today, McCamey has a population of approximately
23 1,700 people; it remains an oil-producing town, and its economy
24 also benefits from the health care, retail, and ranching

1 industries; the community is home to churches, businesses, and
2 houses that date back to its founding, and the development of such
3 institutions as the Mendoza Trail Museum help to preserve the
4 area's rich history; and

5 WHEREAS, The citizens of McCamey are working to safeguard the
6 best of their past while building a future of expanding
7 opportunity, and it is a pleasure to honor their contributions to
8 the story of the Lone Star State on the occasion of this notable
9 milestone; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature
11 hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of the City of McCamey and
12 extend to its residents sincere best wishes for the future.