

BILL ANALYSIS

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The art form of mosaic is a 6,000-year-old technique in which small pieces of glass, stone, or other materials are used to create a pattern or a mural.

In the City of Levelland, artists have used this ancient art form to portray a visual history of Hockley County and to tell the story of its people and their achievements.

In 1968, Don Stroud, then an art professor at South Plains College, created and installed the first mosaic work in Levelland. The piece was made with glass tiles, which he had acquired in Mexico, and he and his children installed the mosaic, entitled *Wild Mustangs*, in the Fine Arts Building at the college.

In the years since, additional mosaic works by Don Stroud and other talented artists have been installed at the college and at locations throughout the city. Pieces like *Hockley County: Past to Present* and *Land of Soil, Oil, and Education*, as well as *Hockley County Schools* and *Your Children's Children*, recount the area's history, and such works as *Tree of Life*, *Arms of Care*, and *New Morning* celebrate the significant roles that the medical profession and educational institutions play in the community.

Today, Levelland is home to 13 of these distinctive murals, which have engaged the citizenry and raised interest in the arts and culture. Local artists and city officials have worked diligently to ensure that the mosaics are kept in pristine condition, and a self-guided tour of the mosaics is a popular activity for residents and visitors to the city.

Over the years, Levelland has become known throughout the area as the City of Mosaics due to the many captivating mosaic murals that adorn the city's landscape.

RESOLVED

That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas designate Levelland as the official City of Mosaics of Texas.

That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 391.003(e) (relating to the expiration of place designations), Government Code, this designation remain in effect until the 10th anniversary of its designation.