



EL PASO COUNTY STATE OF TEXAS

RESOLUTION



WHEREAS, the Tornillo Independent School District (TISD) celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2024, marking a century of commitment to education, community, and progress in Tornillo, Texas; and,

WHEREAS, their iconic red brick school building, initially referred to as the "school house", stands as a monument of the perseverance and dedication of the citizens of Tornillo who, through personal sacrifices of time and money, laid the foundation for the establishment of this beloved educational institution; and,

WHEREAS, Tornillo, originally under the jurisdiction of the Fabens Independent School District, faced significant challenges in creating an independent school district. The citizens of Tornillo had to first secure approval from the county board and the attorney general to formally break away from Fabens ISD and establish the Tornillo ISD. Following this, they worked diligently to garner support from voters for the passage of bonds for school construction and taxes for the ongoing maintenance of the district; and,

WHEREAS, this historic school building, designed by the renowned architectural firm Trost & Trost, exemplifies the community's dedication to modern education. Henry, Gus, and Adolphus Trost, sons of German immigrant parents, brought their considerable talents to the Southwest, with Henry and Gus serving as the architects and Adolphus as the engineer. The firm designed over 300 buildings in El Paso alone, as well as many others across Arizona and New Mexico; and,

WHEREAS, construction of the Tornillo school began in January 1924, and the building was completed and dedicated in December of that year. At its dedication, it was described as "the most modern rural school in El Paso County," standing as a testament to both architectural achievement and the community's vision for its children's future; and,

WHEREAS, over the course of a century, the Tornillo Independent School District has provided quality education to generations of students, fostering academic achievement, character development, and a commitment to civic responsibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the El Paso County Commissioners Court recognizes and celebrates the centennial anniversary of the Tornillo Independent School District, expressing our profound gratitude to the Tornillo Alumni Association, whose tireless efforts and sacrifices ensured that the children of Tornillo would have access to education for generations to come; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in honor of the students, teachers, administrators, staff, and board members, both past and present, who have contributed to the legacy of excellence in education that defines Tornillo ISD, the El Paso County Commissioners Court hereby declares December 16th, 2024,

"Tornillo ISD Centennial Anniversary Day"

SIGNED, this 16th day of December, 2024.

Commissioner Carlos Leon, Pct. 1

Commissioner David Stout, Pct. 2

Commissioner Iliana Holguin, Pct. 3

Commissioner Sergio Coronado, Pct. 4

Ricardo A. Samaniego, County Judge