

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of Westphalia celebrates the 125th
2 anniversary of its founding on July 3, 2004; and

3 WHEREAS, Westphalia's history begins in the summer of 1879
4 when immigrants journeyed north from Frelsburg with the hope of
5 finding better land; the first group of young men who initially
6 settled in the area were drawn to its rolling plains and fertile
7 blackland; by 1884, 13 families had constructed homesteads on 270
8 acres, and it was agreed that the new settlement would be named
9 after the province in Germany that was their native land; and

10 WHEREAS, These pioneers soon labored to cultivate their young
11 community as well as their farmlands; the post office and the first
12 store opened their doors in 1887, and, by 1892, there were four new
13 businesses and a gin; in 1895, the construction of the Church of the
14 Visitation provided the devoutly Catholic residents with a place of
15 worship whose two spires can still be seen looming on top of a hill;
16 a three-room school was built a year later that now stands adorned
17 with a historical marker commemorating its long history; and

18 WHEREAS, The citizens of Westphalia have placed a higher
19 priority on the preservation of their hometown's history over any
20 form of expansion or plans for urbanization, maintaining businesses
21 that remain similar today to when they first began; successive
22 generations of residents have held the same qualities of industry
23 and courage as those of their trailblazing predecessors; they have
24 all toiled and contributed to the creation of a distinct community

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1 of Texans whose proud heritage has been untouched by time; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
4 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the city of
5 Westphalia for its long and rich history and extend hearty
6 congratulations to its citizens on the 125th anniversary of their
7 hometown's founding; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for the residents of Westphalia as an expression of high
10 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 99 was adopted by the House on May 11, 2004, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House