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H.R. No. 739

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Citizens of Weir are gathering on April 26, 2003, to
2 celebrate the centennial of this proud Williamson County community;
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4 WHEREAS, Situated a few miles northeast of Georgetown, the
5 county seat, Weir was named for Thomas Calvin Weir, a native of
6 Tennessee who settled in Williamson County in 1856; the rural
7 community that developed in the vicinity of Mr. Weir's farm had a
8 close neighbor in the settlement of Towns' Mill, also known as
9 Townsville, located on the east bank of the San Gabriel River; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1893 the Georgetown and Granger Railroad built
11 through Weir and bypassed Towns' Mill, sealing the fate of the
12 latter community; Weir was formally established on or about April
13 27, 1903, around the time the Missouri, Kansas, and Texas Railroad
14 purchased the Georgetown and Granger line; that same year the
15 Towns' Mill post office moved to Weir, along with most of the Towns'
16 Mill residents; and

17 WHEREAS, Businesses in Weir soon included a blacksmith shop,
18 a lumberyard, a bank, a theater, grocery and drug stores, four
19 mercantile stores, and two telephone companies; in addition,
20 tourists came to enjoy the Katy Lake Resort, which had been
21 developed by the railroad at the site of the Towns' Mill dam; and

22 WHEREAS, A flood in 1913, which damaged the resort, railroad
23 bridge, and several businesses, was the first of several events to
24 batter the town's prosperity; a drought, World War I, and the Great

1 Depression all took a toll, but by the mid-20th century the
2 community began to recover; the town incorporated in 1987, and
3 between 1990 and 2000 its population more than doubled, rising to
4 591; and

5 WHEREAS, The cohesive spirit of Weir's citizens, old and new,
6 is readily apparent; the town's calendar is punctuated by several
7 annual festivities--the fish fry in April, street dance in
8 September, and parade at Christmas--that draw residents together
9 for fun and fellowship; and

10 WHEREAS, Weir's 100th anniversary is being commemorated with
11 a full day of events, including a parade, barbecue fund-raiser for
12 the volunteer fire department, arts and craft show, entertainment,
13 street dance, and the dedication of a historical marker; and

14 WHEREAS, The residents of Weir are preserving their heritage
15 while devoting themselves to building an ever brighter future, and
16 it is indeed a pleasure to join in recognizing this joyous milestone
17 in their history; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
19 Legislature hereby congratulate the citizens of Weir on the
20 occasion of their town's 100th anniversary and extend to them
21 sincere best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable celebration.