

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Brooks County was created in the 19th century out of
2 portions of Webb and Starr counties, which before 1848 were part of
3 San Patricio and Nueces counties; and

4 WHEREAS, Land grants in the Trans-Nueces region were made as
5 early as 1767, but it was not until the 1800s that colonists were
6 introduced to the area now known as Brooks County; and

7 WHEREAS, In the early 1890s, Edward C. Lasater established a
8 headquarters and accumulated an abundance of land in Brooks County,
9 and today that property is the site of the city of Falfurrias; and

10 WHEREAS, Local residents take pride in this area, for it is
11 the site of the Texas Tropical Trail, which runs through the county
12 and is a beautiful tourist attraction; and

13 WHEREAS, The economy of Brooks County relies heavily on
14 farming and ranching and is a major contributor to the Lone Star
15 State's produce market; in 1906 E. R. Rachal planted the first
16 citrus tree in the area, and from this single tree grew a strong and
17 successful citrus industry; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1912 Brooks County opened the doors to its first
19 school, and its fine educational system has created a firm
20 foundation for the area's economy by producing an informed
21 citizenry that is well-served by the county's elementary, middle,
22 and high schools and a talented team of educators; and

23 WHEREAS, Brooks County is home to many dedicated elected
24 officials, public employees, and community leaders, who over the

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1 years have carried out a public service too seldom acknowledged;
2 now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
4 Legislature hereby honor the elected officials, public employees,
5 civic leaders, and citizens of Brooks County for their outstanding
6 contributions to Texas and the United States of America.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1922 was adopted by the House on June 2, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House