

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of Raymondville was established by Edward
2 Burleson Raymond, who organized the Raymond Town and Improvement
3 Company in 1904; and

4 WHEREAS, During that same year the post office was
5 established, and Raymond's company, along with the Kleberg Town and
6 Improvement Company, gave right-of-way to the St. Louis,
7 Brownsville and Mexico Railway; and

8 WHEREAS, Raymondville, located in what was then Cameron
9 County, had by 1914 a population of 350, as well as four general
10 stores, a bank, a newspaper, a cotton gin, and a lumber company; and

11 WHEREAS, With a 300-day growing season made possible by
12 favorable summers and winters, Raymondville soon established
13 itself as a commercial center for grain, sorghum, cotton, citrus,
14 vegetable, and corn production; and

15 WHEREAS, In the 1960s the city diversified its economy by
16 attracting a variety of industries, ranging from cottonseed and
17 fruit processing to the manufacture of farm implements, leather
18 goods, and children's clothing; by 2000 there were nearly 300 rated
19 businesses in Raymondville, and the municipal population had grown
20 to almost 10,000; and

21 WHEREAS, The city of Raymondville boasts many fine
22 recreational areas, including public swimming pools, a golf course,
23 and a city park; moreover, saltwater fishing can be found at Laguna
24 Madre and Port Mansfield; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
2 Legislature hereby honor the city of Raymondville for its long and
3 unique history and pay special tribute to the many contributions
4 its citizens have made to the State of Texas and the United States
5 of America.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1925 was adopted by the House on June 2, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House