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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The long and distinguished history of Kingsville has
2 its source with the King family and the business they founded
3 exactly 150 years ago, the King Ranch; and

4 WHEREAS, Built three miles east of the King Ranch
5 headquarters on land carved out of the ranch by Henrietta King,
6 Kingsville originated as a town on the St. Louis, Brownsville and
7 Mexico Railway, a project that linked the ranch lands to the city of
8 Brownsville; in 1904, only a short time after the creation of
9 Kingsville, the town's citizens cheered the passage of the first
10 regular passenger train on the new rail line, and the community soon
11 became an important trade center for farm, ranch, and railroad
12 families; and

13 WHEREAS, In later years, Kingsville would also enjoy economic
14 prosperity brought by oil and natural gas production, by Texas A&M
15 University--Kingsville, and by important military installations;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, The trailblazing spirit of the early Texans lives on
18 in modern-day Kingsville, where local officials are supporting such
19 emerging high-tech industries as the South Texas Spaceport; the
20 city has also attracted companies such as Lowe's and Calling
21 Solutions to the area, creating nearly 500 jobs, and recently the
22 National Weather Service recognized Kingsville's preparedness by
23 designating it a storm-ready city; this year, as the Lone Star State
24 celebrates the sesquicentennial of the King Ranch, it is indeed

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1 fitting to pay tribute to the municipality without which Kleberg
2 County would not have prospered so greatly; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
4 Legislature hereby honor the many cultural and economic
5 contributions of the citizens of Kingsville over the course of the
6 town's long and distinguished history and extend to Mayor Filemon
7 "Phil" Esquivel, Jr., and to every resident of Kingsville, very
8 best wishes for future success.