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H.R. No. 232

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Socorro Mission is celebrating its restoration
2 with a rededication ceremony on September 24, 2005; and

3 WHEREAS, Listed in the National Register of Historic Places,
4 the mission is a treasured monument of the region's cultural
5 history; it was founded in 1682 by the Franciscan order to serve
6 North American Indians; the present adobe structure was constructed
7 in the 1840s and is particularly notable for its decorated beams and
8 elements that show a strong relation to the building traditions of
9 17th-century Spanish New Mexico; and

10 WHEREAS, The Socorro Mission Preservation Project is working
11 to conserve this rich architectural treasure, and the building's
12 restoration has received support from a number of local and state
13 organizations, including Cornerstones Community Partnerships, The
14 University of Texas at El Paso, the Socorro Independent School
15 District, the Texas Criminal Justice Department, Historic Missions
16 Restoration, Inc., the Upper Rio Grande Workforce, the Texas
17 Workforce Commission, and La Purisima Restoration Committee; and

18 WHEREAS, Among the individuals who have been instrumental to
19 the restoration project are Tury Morales, Frank Gorman, Pat Taylor,
20 Jean Fulton, Donna Vogel, Amada Camargo, Cruz N. Camargo, Friar
21 Frank Probst, OFM, H. W. "Skip" Clark, and Jon Hansen; and

22 WHEREAS, The mission's many volunteers and participants have
23 built nearly 20,000 adobes on site to replace sections of damaged
24 foundation, walls, and parapets, and they have also delicately

1 repaired the building's corbels and vigas; and

2 WHEREAS, The Socorro Mission is one of the nation's important
3 historic structures, and the individuals who have contributed to
4 the restoration project deserve special commendation for their
5 efforts; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
7 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby honor the Socorro Mission
8 on the occasion of its restoration and rededication and extend to
9 all those associated with this noteworthy project sincere best
10 wishes for the future; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for the mission's volunteers as an expression of high
13 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.