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H.R. No. 87

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In 2006, the proud residents of Live Oak County are
2 celebrating the auspicious occasion of their county's
3 sesquicentennial; and

4 WHEREAS, Graced by the waters of the Nueces River and its
5 tributaries, this section of the inland coastal plain of South
6 Texas was once inhabited by the Coahuiltecan, the Comanche, and
7 the Lipan Apache as well as other, more ancient, Native American
8 groups; in the 1800s, ranchers of Spanish and Irish descent settled
9 in the area, where they witnessed the passing of the warring armies
10 during the Texas Revolution and defended their homesteads against
11 fugitive outlaws and American Indian raiders in the tumultuous
12 frontier era of the mid-1800s; and

13 WHEREAS, Under the branches of the majestic Charter Oak at
14 Gussettville, citizens of the region drew up a petition requesting
15 the formation of Live Oak County in 1856, and Oakville was named the
16 county seat; in 1919 that honor passed to George West, a town
17 founded by the famous Texas cattleman for whom it was named; and

18 WHEREAS, The ranchers and farmers of the county's past have
19 seen their noble professions carried into the present day, with
20 fields of grain, cotton, and livestock providing both tranquil
21 beauty and essential income; beneath the soil, reserves of oil and
22 natural gas have also been a hallmark of Live Oak County, and the
23 refining of these raw materials into usable energy resources
24 continues to be one of the area's most important industries; and

1 WHEREAS, The refreshing waters of the county's rivers have
2 been harnessed to form two lakes, Choke Canyon Reservoir and Lake
3 Corpus Christi, and Live Oak County has become a favorite
4 destination of anglers and water-sports enthusiasts, while its
5 ample wildlife draw hunters from throughout Texas and other parts
6 of the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, A mixture of rich traditions and forward-looking
8 optimism have made this region into a vibrant crossroads of South
9 Texas and an important and attractive part of the Lone Star State,
10 and it is indeed a privilege to join its residents as they observe
11 the 150th anniversary of the county's founding; now, therefore, be
12 it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
14 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby recognize the
15 sesquicentennial of Live Oak County and extend to its citizens
16 sincere best wishes for a happy and prosperous future; and, be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for Live Oak County as an expression of high regard by the
20 Texas House of Representatives.