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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Kerrville Area Chamber of Commerce
2 Board of Directors and countless other dedicated civic volunteers
3 helped make the Kerr County Sesquicentennial celebration from April
4 7 to April 9, 2006, an outstanding success; and

5 WHEREAS, In November 2005, former Mayor Joe Herring, Jr.,
6 began soliciting support from businesses and visiting with local
7 residents about the event; Kerr County historian Clarabelle
8 Snodgrass gave useful input, recalling the 1956 centennial parade
9 when her father was the parade marshall, and David Smith, graphic
10 design professor at Schreiner University, shared ideas about
11 organizing a competition to design a Kerr 150 logo and a
12 commemorative coin; and

13 WHEREAS, The steering committee included Linda Somerville of
14 Security State Bank and Trust, who coordinated the Friday evening
15 event; Sue Steele of Bank of the Hills and Candi Behrens of the Kerr
16 County Fair Association, who coordinated the 150th anniversary
17 parade on Saturday; the Reverend Stockton Williams, Jr., of St.
18 Peter's Episcopal Church, who coordinated the memorial service on
19 Sunday; and Joe Benham, who wrote, produced, and submitted press
20 releases; many other citizens also donated time and energy, and
21 numerous sponsors helped defray the cost; and

22 WHEREAS, Kicking off the festivities, Governor Rick Perry
23 offered a proclamation, and then performers, including Native
24 American dancers, the Mount Olive Baptist Church choir, a mariachi

1 band, the Seven Dutchmen Orchestra, and country music singer
2 Darrell McCall, showcased the county's cultural heritage; more than
3 125 groups participated in the parade on Saturday, making it the
4 largest in Kerr County history, and Saturday evening included
5 performances by Reid Wells and Segovia 1862, the Josh Grider Band,
6 and country music star Gary P. Nunn; a fireworks display over the
7 Guadalupe River concluded the day's events; the memorial service on
8 Sunday included the Schreiner University choir and Dr. Sam Junkin
9 as the guest speaker; and

10 WHEREAS, The Kerr County Sesquicentennial will long be
11 remembered as a dynamic, joyful celebration, thanks to the
12 exceptional efforts, talents, and skills of many local citizens;
13 now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
15 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend the citizens of
16 Kerr County on their successful sesquicentennial celebration and
17 extend to them best wishes for the future.