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H.R. No. 773

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The community of Escobares in Starr County has a  
2 colorful history dating back to 1753 when Jose Miguel Antonio  
3 Ramirez and Maria Rita Lopez de Jaen first arrived in the area and  
4 petitioned the King of Spain for land in the area; and

5           WHEREAS, the King of Spain acquiesced to the request in 1767  
6 and the grant for the area named Rancho Santa Gertrudis was accepted  
7 by Jose Maria Escobar y Rocha, the adopted son of Jose Miguel  
8 Antonio Ramirez, and his wife, Maria Antonio Gertrudis Chapa y  
9 Lopez de Jaen, the daughter of Maria Rita Lopez de Jaen, in June of  
10 1767 after both original applicants for the land grant died before  
11 it was approved; and

12           WHEREAS, Rancho Santa Gertrudis, designated as the porcion  
13 76, old jurisdiction of the Villa de Mier Nuevo Santander, Nueva  
14 Espana, has been known by many names as its inhabitants have lived  
15 under six flags for over 250 years. Those names include Rancho San  
16 Antonio, Rancho Cacaruttas, Rancho San Jose, Rancho Capal, Rancho  
17 Los Queros, Rancho Escobares, the town of Escobares and as of  
18 October 22, 2005, the City of Escobares.

19           WHEREAS, Escobares today has a population of over 2,000  
20 citizens and is located between the Rio Grande and U.S. Highway 83 a  
21 mile east of Roma-Los Saenz in south central Starr County and has  
22 expanded to fill the area between Roma and Garceño. It is in the  
23 original Spanish land grants of the Mier jurisdiction given north  
24 of the Rio Grande to José de Escandón's colonists in the

1 mid-eighteenth century; and

2 WHEREAS, the citizens of Escobares have formed their new city  
3 government and elected a mayor and board of aldermen to represent  
4 the electorate and conduct the duties and requirements of municipal  
5 government, including Mayor Noel Escandon and Aldermen Ricardo  
6 Pena, Gloria E. Alvarez, Baldemar Escobar, Roberto Luis Naranjo,  
7 and Velma Luna; and

8 WHEREAS, our fellow member of the Texas House of  
9 Representatives, Juan Escobar, is a descendant of the founders of  
10 current day Escobares; and

11 WHEREAS, the people of the City of Escobares, with great  
12 pride in the continued growth and development of their community,  
13 have set Saturday, May 20, 2006 as a day of celebration to rejoice  
14 in their new status as a city under the laws of the State of Texas;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, the elected members of the city government will be  
17 presented to the public on May 20, 2006 and there will be parades,  
18 speeches and many gatherings to observe the events of the day,  
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature, third called session, of  
21 the State of Texas hereby salutes the new elected officials and the  
22 citizens of Escobares for their continuing efforts to improve and  
23 develop their special part of the great state of Texas.