

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The year 2005 marks a historic milestone for the  
2 H-E-B grocery store chain founded in Kerrville as it celebrates 100  
3 years of growth and prosperity; and

4           WHEREAS, The C.C. Butt Grocery Store opened for business in  
5 the Central Texas town on November 26, 1905; established by  
6 Florence Butt, the market was funded by a \$60 investment and a  
7 desire to provide staples and extraordinary products to the  
8 citizens of Kerr County; and

9           WHEREAS, During the 20th century, the Butt family built the  
10 grocery business from its humble beginnings in a 750-square-foot  
11 facility to its prestigious present-day status as the 10th-largest  
12 privately held company in the country, with annual sales of over \$11  
13 billion; today, H-E-B operates nearly 300 grocery stores throughout  
14 Texas and Mexico, staffed by more than 55,000 employees; and

15           WHEREAS, This Lone Star institution was the product of grand  
16 ideas and a keen concern for customer convenience and needs; H-E-B  
17 installed its first in-store meat market and delicatessen in 1919  
18 and introduced the H-E-B MarketPlace in 1991, with in-store  
19 restaurants and a wood-burning pizza oven from Italy; and

20           WHEREAS, Over the past century, H-E-B has been at the  
21 forefront of technological advances and innovative business  
22 concepts, which have included air-conditioned facilities, frozen  
23 foods, and offering a host of unique services and products within a  
24 single establishment; and

1           WHEREAS, In addition to earning a reputation as an  
2 exceptional grocer, H-E-B is also a generous contributor to the  
3 communities it serves; in an effort to give back to the region that  
4 nurtured the first fledgling store, the company recently gave  
5 Kerrville's Sid Peterson Memorial Hospital a \$250,000 gift to build  
6 a heart catheterization suite; and

7           WHEREAS, Keeping pace with the community that is its home,  
8 H-E-B is opening a grand new store occupying more than 75,000 square  
9 feet in Kerrville, where residents past and present have enjoyed  
10 the fruits of the company's success; and

11           WHEREAS, A model of business ingenuity, hard work, and  
12 exceptional customer service, H-E-B continues to serve citizens of  
13 Kerrville with the high professional standards that have  
14 characterized this business since its founding a century ago; now,  
15 therefore, be it

16           RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas  
17 hereby honor the 100th anniversary of the first H-E-B store in  
18 Kerrville and extend to all those associated with the company  
19 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

20           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
21 prepared for the Kerrville H-E-B as an expression of high regard by  
22 the Texas House of Representatives and Senate.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 70 was adopted by the House on March 10, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 70 was adopted by the Senate on March 10, 2005, by a viva-voce vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor