

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Lampasas County is celebrating its 150th  
2 anniversary in 2006, and this special milestone is an opportune  
3 occasion to take note of the history of this unique region of the  
4 Lone Star State; and

5           WHEREAS, In response to a petition signed by 135 citizens,  
6 the Sixth Texas Legislature officially established Lampasas County  
7 from portions of Travis, Bell, and Coryell Counties on February 1,  
8 1856, and Burleson, eventually renamed Lampasas, was designated the  
9 county seat; the area's open frontier land offered many  
10 opportunities for settlers to establish new lives, and many  
11 families moved in from war-torn states in the South; and

12           WHEREAS, With the arrival of the Gulf, Colorado, and Santa Fe  
13 Railroad in 1882, the county attracted more settlers and wealthy  
14 investors, who capitalized on the region's mineral springs and  
15 developed the city of Lampasas into a leading health resort and  
16 tourist destination; and

17           WHEREAS, During the 1870s and beyond, the county gained  
18 prominence in the livestock industry, and today agribusiness,  
19 construction, and manufacturing of food products support the  
20 region's economic prosperity; and

21           WHEREAS, Located in Central Texas, Lampasas County is  
22 primarily within the Grand Prairies region in an area characterized  
23 by high rolling prairie with steep slopes and limestone benches;  
24 the majority of the county is drained by the Lampasas River, which

1 runs north to south in the eastern portion of the county; and

2 WHEREAS, Since the creation of Lampasas County, several  
3 communities have developed: Kempner replaced the original towns of  
4 Slaughterville and Taylorville; Lometa emerged in place of  
5 Senterfitt; and Townsen Mills eventually became Adamsville; and

6 WHEREAS, In 2004, extensive renovation of the historic 1884  
7 county courthouse was completed, and today visitors and residents  
8 alike may enjoy not only the recreational activities provided by  
9 nearby lakes and reservoirs, but also other attractions, such as  
10 parks, stock shows, and festivals celebrating the county's  
11 fascinating history; and

12 WHEREAS, The citizens of Lampasas County continue to play an  
13 integral role in preserving their rich heritage while preparing for  
14 a prosperous future; it is a pleasure to honor them on this special  
15 anniversary; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the 79th Texas Legislature hereby honor  
17 Lampasas County on the occasion of its 150th anniversary and extend  
18 to its residents sincere best wishes for a memorable celebration.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 158 was adopted by the House on May 13, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 158 was adopted by the Senate on May 29, 2005, by a viva-voce vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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

Date

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Governor