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H.C.R. No. 158

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.