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H.C.R. No. 223

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The city of Sulphur Springs celebrated its
2 sesquicentennial in 2004; and

3 WHEREAS, Located in Hopkins County, Sulphur Springs was
4 originally known as Bright Star, a popular camping place for
5 workers moving goods west from Jefferson; in 1854, a post office was
6 established, and the name of the town was later changed to Sulphur
7 Springs to advertise the city's mineral springs and their healing
8 properties; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1872, the arrival of the railroad opened the area
10 for travel and trade, and the cotton industry became central to the
11 city's economic prosperity; the community also benefited from its
12 exceptional fruit exports and the rich deposits of oil and gas that
13 were discovered throughout the county; and

14 WHEREAS, Today, with more than 14,000 residents, Sulphur
15 Springs is a thriving county seat, attracting tourists and visitors
16 with the Hopkins County Museum and Heritage Park, which contains a
17 number of historic houses, and the Music Box Gallery; and

18 WHEREAS, With its vibrant sense of community and history, the
19 city of Sulphur Springs is a treasured asset of the Lone Star State,
20 and it is a pleasure to pay tribute to this special Texas town and
21 its forward-looking citizens; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
23 hereby commemorate the 150th anniversary of the founding of the
24 city of Sulphur Springs and recognize the contributions that it has

1 made to the history of this state.