

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On April 23, 2005, many proud Texans are
2 participating in a Founder's Day celebration to mark the 100th
3 anniversary of Lamesa's election as the county seat of Dawson
4 County; and

5 WHEREAS, Created from Bexar Territory by an act of the Texas
6 Legislature in 1876, Dawson County is named for Captain Nicholas
7 Mosby Dawson, a pioneer settler from La Grange, who was captured and
8 killed by a Mexican military force in 1842; and

9 WHEREAS, Administratively, Dawson County was attached to
10 Howard County for judicial purposes, but in 1905, residents decided
11 it was time they had a county seat of their own; the Howard County
12 Commissioners Court granted a petition signed by 150 Dawson County
13 voters, and the communities of Lamesa and Chicago vigorously sought
14 the honor, each offering a full slate of candidates for county and
15 precinct officers; and

16 WHEREAS, Lamesa won the March 20, 1905, election by just five
17 votes; residents of the two towns immediately embarked on a
18 collaboration that resulted in free lots offered by Lamesa to
19 Chicago merchants, and a cooperative moving event that relocated
20 houses and stores to the new county seat; the first meeting of the
21 Dawson County Commissioners Court convened on April 4, 1905; and

22 WHEREAS, Since its inception, Dawson County residents have
23 demonstrated a spirit of unity that has fostered a prosperous
24 county where residents may enjoy living, working, and raising their

1 families; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
3 Legislature hereby congratulate all those involved with the
4 centennial of Lamesa becoming the county seat of Dawson County and
5 extend best wishes to all residents for a meaningful and memorable
6 observance; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for the City of Lamesa as an expression of high regard by
9 the Texas House of Representatives.

Craddick

H.R. No. 1020

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1020 was adopted by the House on April 22, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House