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H.R. No. 1020

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.