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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The residents of Primera are celebrating the town's 1 2 50th anniversary on April 9, 2005, and this occasion provides a 3 fitting opportunity to reflect on the unique history of this area of the Lone Star State; and 4 5 WHEREAS, Located in northwestern Cameron County, Primera was 6 originally settled as part of the Wilson Tract, an area developed by Pierre and Marie Wilson during the early 1900s; the town's growth 7 began in earnest in the mid-1920s, when Ed Couch was operating the 8 Delta Developing Company and a new railroad line that passed 9

through the town was constructed from Edinburg Junction to Brownsville; railroad officials named the new station Primera,

Brownsville; railroad officials named the new station Primera, which means "first" in Spanish, since it was the initial stop west

of Harlingen; and

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WHEREAS, Today the city is incorporated and includes a city hall, a modern elementary school that is part of the Harlingen Consolidated Independent School District, and a branch post office; although its population is modest, Primera continues to be an important contributor to the vibrancy of South Texas; and

19 WHEREAS, The residents of Primera loyally support their city 20 by preserving its rich history and preparing for a productive 21 future, and it is a pleasure to honor them on this special occasion; 22 now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas 24 Legislature hereby congratulate the residents of Primera on the

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- 1 occasion of the town's 50th anniversary and extend to them sincere
- 2 best wishes for a memorable celebration of this noteworthy event.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1051 was adopted by the House on April 7, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House