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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The residents of Primera are celebrating the town's
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
4 the Lone Star State; and

5 WHEREAS, Located in northwestern Cameron County, Primera was
6 originally settled as part of the Wilson Tract, an area developed by
7 Pierre and Marie Wilson during the early 1900s; the town's growth
8 began in earnest in the mid-1920s, when Ed Couch was operating the
9 Delta Developing Company and a new railroad line that passed
10 through the town was constructed from Edinburg Junction to
11 Brownsville; railroad officials named the new station Primera,
12 which means "first" in Spanish, since it was the initial stop west
13 of Harlingen; and

14 WHEREAS, Today the city is incorporated and includes a city
15 hall, a modern elementary school that is part of the Harlingen
16 Consolidated Independent School District, and a branch post office;
17 although its population is modest, Primera continues to be an
18 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.