

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of the city of Socorro are justifiably
2 proud of their community's contributions to the State of Texas; and

3 WHEREAS, Located on the Southern Pacific Railroad in El Paso
4 County, Socorro traces its rich history back to 1680, when Spanish
5 and Piro Indian refugees fled the New Mexican Pueblo Indian Revolt
6 and settled in the El Paso region; two years later, Spanish
7 explorers established Nuestra Senora de la Limpia Concepcion del
8 Socorro Mission, and the town developed around the site; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1848, the city became a part of the State of Texas
10 and prospered as a small farming community for the remainder of the
11 19th century; the construction of the Elephant Butte Dam on the Rio
12 Grande in 1916 transformed the family-based economy into
13 large-scale cotton production on plantation-sized estates; and

14 WHEREAS, Today, citizens of Socorro continue to devote
15 themselves to safeguarding their city's vibrant colonial heritage,
16 and they have instituted a landmark commission to encourage
17 historic preservation in the area; and

18 WHEREAS, With its thriving sense of community and history,
19 the city of Socorro remains a treasured asset of the Lone Star
20 State, and it is a pleasure to pay tribute to this special town and
21 its citizens; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
23 Legislature hereby honor the city of Socorro as a community that
24 cherishes its legacy while looking to the future.

Quintanilla

H.R. No. 1956

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1956 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House