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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.