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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Many proud current and former residents marked a
2 significant milestone when they celebrated the 125th anniversary of
3 Valentine on February 14, 2007; and

4 WHEREAS, Located in Jeff Davis County, the town was named and
5 founded when the crew of the Southern Pacific Railroad reached the
6 site on Valentine's Day of 1882; trains began running through the
7 area the following year, and a post office was established in 1886;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, A once popular shipping point for local cattle
10 ranchers, Valentine had a population of 500 by 1914, when the
11 community claimed several businesses and five cattle breeders, and
12 the number of citizens living in Valentine peaked at more than 600
13 in the early 1930s; and

14 WHEREAS, A town without a property tax, Valentine celebrated
15 its quasiquicentennial with a party that included a parade, a dance,
16 and a fund-raiser to help support the city's infrastructure; and

17 WHEREAS, For 125 years, Valentine has provided a home to
18 generations of Texans, and its current residents may take
19 justifiable pride in their community, knowing that it has added to
20 the rich history and culture of Texas; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas
22 hereby commemorate the 125th anniversary of the city of Valentine
23 and extend to its citizens best wishes for the future.