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H.C.R. No. 258

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The year 2008 marks the 100th anniversary of the
2 city of Orange Grove in Jim Wells County; and

3 WHEREAS, Situated in the heart of the South Texas Plains at
4 the intersection of State Highway 359 and Farm Road 624, Orange
5 Grove was developed in 1908 from two area ranches and named for the
6 thriving citrus industry in the Lower Rio Grande Valley; a large
7 portion of the land was sold to German settlers, who moved there
8 from other Texas towns, and within a year the town boasted a post
9 office and a store; the Orange Grove Rifle Club was organized in
10 1911 and its hall served as a popular community gathering spot for
11 many years; and

12 WHEREAS, Orange Grove today consists of rich farmland and
13 extensive ranching facilities, both of which sustain the local
14 economy; its school district is a point of community pride and
15 serves nearly 1,700 students at four campuses; and

16 WHEREAS, Visitors and residents alike enjoy year-round
17 hunting in the area, and the Orange Grove Area Museum, exhibiting a
18 variety of historical artifacts and memorabilia, offers
19 fascinating insights into the town's early days; and

20 WHEREAS, With its sunny weather, tight-knit community, and
21 fertile land, this charming town continues to be a treasured asset
22 of the Lone Star State, and it is indeed fitting to pay tribute to
23 Orange Grove on its centennial; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas

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1 hereby honor the city of Orange Grove on its centennial and extend
2 best wishes to its residents for a meaningful and enjoyable
3 observance.