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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Descendents of John William Spencer are gathering in  
2 the Presidio Valley to celebrate their family reunion on October  
3 27-29, 2007, and this happy occasion provides a fitting opportunity  
4 to recognize the many accomplishments of this esteemed Texan; and

5           WHEREAS, John William Spencer arrived in the Lone Star State  
6 in the spring of 1848, becoming one of the first settlers in the  
7 Presidio Valley; and

8           WHEREAS, In an effort to serve his fellow pioneers, Mr.  
9 Spencer opened a retail business that later became the Spencer  
10 Brothers General Store, a successful venture supplying early Texans  
11 with dry goods and essential provisions; he also served the people  
12 of El Paso County as a notary public; and

13           WHEREAS, In the early 1880s, Mr. Spencer discovered rich  
14 silver ore in the Chinati Mountains and two years later was  
15 instrumental in the establishment of the Presidio Mining Company;  
16 the business operated for nearly two decades and significantly  
17 bolstered the local economy; and

18           WHEREAS, An astute entrepreneur, Mr. Spencer was also a man  
19 of honesty and integrity and was generous to his neighbors and to  
20 others in need; he instilled these virtues in his children and  
21 grandchildren, and today his descendants continue to give back as  
22 military service members, health care professionals, civil  
23 servants, law enforcement officials, attorneys, and business  
24 owners; and

1           WHEREAS, Through the years, the contributions made by members  
2 of the Spencer family have been interwoven in the compelling story  
3 of the Lone Star State, and it is indeed fitting that they be  
4 acknowledged at this time; now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the organizers and participants  
7 of the 2007 Spencer family reunion and extend to all those involved  
8 sincere best wishes for a happy and memorable event; and, be it  
9 further

10           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for the Spencer family as an expression of high regard by  
12 the Texas House of Representatives.