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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Dickinson are celebrating the grand
2 opening of the Historic Dickinson Railroad Center on the weekend of
3 April 27, 28, and 29, 2007; and

4 WHEREAS, The Railroad Center is made up of two restored
5 historic railroad depots, the Dickinson depot and the League City
6 depot; and

7 WHEREAS, The original Dickinson depot was built in 1859 for
8 the Galveston, Houston and Henderson Railroad, one of the earliest
9 railways in Texas and the first to reach the Texas Gulf Coast; after
10 the depot was destroyed by fire in 1900, it was rebuilt by Galveston
11 architect George B. Stowe, who designed the new depot's distinctive
12 redbrick mantle fireplace, double half-moon doors, and bay window;
13 thousands of visitors passed through this beautiful Victorian depot
14 over the years; and

15 WHEREAS, After the GH&H Railroad abandoned the Dickinson
16 depot, the Weed'N Wish Garden Club acquired the building in 1967 and
17 moved it to its present location; in 1968 the garden club acquired
18 the League City depot as well and moved it to the new site; and

19 WHEREAS, For the next 30 years, the garden club maintained
20 the two depots as a community event center and museum; in 1997 the
21 two buildings were deeded to the city of Dickinson; and

22 WHEREAS, The Dickinson Historical Society was formed in 2000
23 and took over the responsibility for funding and renovating the
24 depots; with assistance from the City of Dickinson, the Dickinson

1 Economic Development Corporation, the Texas Department of
2 Transportation, the Texas Historical Commission, and many other
3 contributors, the newly restored depots have become the basis of
4 the Historic Dickinson Railroad Center; and

5 WHEREAS, The new center incorporates community meeting
6 rooms, a visitor center, a museum, a gift shop, and a bicycle
7 rest-stop, as well as the offices for the Dickinson Historical
8 Society and the North Galveston County Chamber of Commerce; and

9 WHEREAS, The new Historic Dickinson Railroad Center
10 celebrates the rich history of Dickinson even as it serves as a
11 focus for the city's bright future; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
13 Legislature hereby congratulate the Dickinson Historical Society
14 on the grand opening of the Historic Dickinson Railroad Center and
15 extend best wishes to all involved with the center for continued
16 success; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for the Dickinson Historical Society as an expression of
19 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.