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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, On June 1, 2007, Garza County and the city of Post  
2 are celebrating their centennial; and

3           WHEREAS, Situated along the Caprock Escarpment at the edge of  
4 the Llano Estacado, this rugged country drained by tributaries of  
5 the Brazos River was first inhabited by nomadic hunters; from 1700  
6 to the 1870s it was home to the Kiowa and the Comanche and was  
7 settled by ranchers in the mid-1870s; and

8           WHEREAS, In 1906 the cereal manufacturer Charles William Post  
9 bought about 200,000 acres in order to start an experimental  
10 community under the aegis of the Double U Company; in 1907 the town  
11 of Post City was founded, as the company laid out streets, built  
12 houses, and planted trees, and the Algerita Hotel, a gin, and a  
13 textile plant were constructed; that same year Garza County was  
14 formally organized, with Post City as the county seat; and

15           WHEREAS, C. W. Post's agricultural experiments included his  
16 famous "rain battles," during which explosives were fired from  
17 towers and kites along the edge of the Caprock in an attempt to  
18 provoke rainfall for the growing of grain; while little corn or  
19 wheat was ever grown in the county, it did become an important  
20 center for cotton; and

21           WHEREAS, The discovery of oil and gas in the 1920s helped to  
22 stabilize and diversify the county's economy, and today the county  
23 depends upon a combination of ranching, cotton, and oil and gas  
24 production; and

1           WHEREAS, Today Post delights visitors and residents alike  
2 with its friendly, small-town atmosphere and the restored historic  
3 buildings of its picturesque main street; the Algerita Art Center  
4 features work by area artists in the restored hotel, and the Garza  
5 County Museum explores the lives of ranchers, cowboys, and early  
6 settlers through room settings and displays of memorabilia;  
7 situated in one of C. W. Post's original buildings, the O. S. Ranch  
8 Museum houses rotating displays of art and artifacts collected by  
9 the owners of the O. S. Ranch, including Fabergé eggs and Waterford  
10 and Lalique crystal; and

11           WHEREAS, Other attractions include the Old Mill Trade Days  
12 marketplace on the first Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of each month  
13 and the renovated Garza Theatre, one of the first movie theaters in  
14 West Texas; additionally, vistas of cliffs and canyons along the  
15 Caprock Escarpment can be viewed from scenic highway F.M. 669; and

16           WHEREAS, The city of Post and Garza County have a colorful  
17 history that is truly worth celebrating, and it is fitting that  
18 special recognition be given to this unique region of the Lone Star  
19 State on its 100th birthday; now, therefore, be it

20           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
21 Legislature hereby congratulate Post and Garza County on their  
22 centennial and extend best wishes to their citizens for a fine  
23 birthday celebration; and, be it further

24           RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared  
25 for Post and Garza County as an expression of high regard by the  
26 Texas House of Representatives.