

By: Hardcastle

H.R. No. 2033

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Proud residents of Forestburg are celebrating the  
2 150th anniversary of the founding of their community on the weekend  
3 of June 8-10, 2007; and

4           WHEREAS, Situated among the rolling prairie and forestlands  
5 of North Central Texas, the region around Forestburg was first  
6 settled in the 1850s by pioneers arriving on sleds, in ox carts, in  
7 wagons, and on horseback; in 1857, a year before Montague County was  
8 organized, Forestburg was founded when Dave Hagler opened a general  
9 store in a log building that also served as the settlement's meeting  
10 place and church; a school was established nearby the following  
11 year; and

12           WHEREAS, Originally called Horn Hill, the community was  
13 renamed Forest Hill because of its lovely stand of live oaks; when  
14 the town's application for a post office was turned down because  
15 there was already another Forest Hill in Texas, the name was changed  
16 again to Forestburg, and the post office opened in 1876; and

17           WHEREAS, During the first half of the 20th century,  
18 Forestburg grew to encompass several churches, a grocery store, a  
19 clothing store, a drug store, and blacksmith shops; the Forestburg  
20 State Bank operated from 1917 until 1931, until it was robbed, and  
21 the newspaper *The Forestburger* was published from 1938 until 1952;  
22 and

23           WHEREAS, Built originally in the 1880s, the town's historic  
24 rock store building survived the fire of 1927 that nearly destroyed

1 the town; over the years it has been a grocery store, and it serves  
2 today as a restaurant and grocery store; and

3 WHEREAS, Forestburg's milestones throughout the last century  
4 include the new rodeo arena constructed in 1957 and the founding of  
5 the Forestburg Volunteer Fire Department after the fire of 1959; in  
6 1981 a group of local women formed the Young Homemakers club to  
7 raise money for a new community center, and they instituted the  
8 annual Watermelon Festival and Rodeo that continues to the present;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Today about 100 people live within the city limits,  
11 and Forestburg boasts three churches, a winery, and a school with  
12 about 200 students from pre-kindergarten through the 12th grade;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Forestburg has survived through 150 years of triumph  
15 and tragedy; today its residents may be proud of its friendliness  
16 and sense of community, and its standing as the oldest community in  
17 Montague County; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
19 Legislature hereby congratulate the town of Forestburg on its  
20 sesquicentennial and extend to its residents best wishes for an  
21 enjoyable and rewarding celebration; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
23 prepared for the town of Forestburg as an expression of high regard  
24 by the Texas House of Representatives.