

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The year 2007 marks the 100th anniversary of the  
2 city of Robstown, and residents are commemorating this significant  
3 milestone at events throughout the year; and

4           WHEREAS, Established in 1907 in Nueces County, Robstown was  
5 named for Robert Driscoll, Jr., a prominent South Texas businessman  
6 and landowner; the town originated from acreage that he sold to  
7 Nebraskan developer George H. Paul, who in turn sold parcels to  
8 settlers; situated at an important junction of railroad lines, it  
9 became an agricultural center with the addition of a cotton gin in  
10 1911, and it incorporated the following year; and

11           WHEREAS, Robstown's population swelled in the 1930s with the  
12 development of the Winter Garden Region in the Rio Grande Valley and  
13 the discovery of oil within its own county; two decades later, it  
14 was home to seven cotton gins, five vegetable-packing sheds, five  
15 schools, 20 churches, and 220 businesses; today, Robstown is  
16 bustling with some 13,000 residents, and the economy has grown to  
17 include petroleum and chemical processing, agribusiness, oil and  
18 gas production, and transportation; it remains a railroad hub for  
19 the Union Pacific Railroad, the Burlington Northern Santa Fe  
20 Railway, the Kansas City Railroad, and the Texas Mexican Railway,  
21 and it is at the crossroads of two crucial thoroughfares, Texas  
22 State Highway 44 and U.S. Highway 77; moreover, as a member of the  
23 Texas Yes! program, sponsored by the Texas Department of  
24 Agriculture, Robstown has been recognized for its efforts to

1 attract tourism, jobs, and development to a rural part of the state;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, The city's engine for economic and community  
4 development and reinvestment is driven by several nonprofit  
5 corporations, including the Robstown Improvement Development  
6 Corporation, the Robstown Industrial Development Corporation, the  
7 Pride of Robstown, the Robstown Housing Finance Corporation, the  
8 Robstown Area Development Commission, and the Robstown Historical  
9 Commission; and

10 WHEREAS, Among the notable projects initiated by these  
11 organizations are: tax credit programs for housing at the Sierra  
12 Royale and Rancho de Luna Multi-Family Complexes, state funding for  
13 home rehabilitation and reconstruction, private housing  
14 developments such as Ashlee Estates, the Highway Travel Center, the  
15 Southern Development Retail Center on Main Avenue, the Bank of  
16 Odem, the Snappy Foods Travel Center, the Tots & Teens Pediatric  
17 Clinic, the Hospital District Facility, a hot-dip galvanizing  
18 plant, Combex-Westhem, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Corpus Christi  
19 Robstown Unit, the municipal parks upgrade, including new  
20 playground equipment and additional trees, several motels and  
21 hotels along the main highways, and the controlled humidity storage  
22 facility for the Corpus Christi Army Reserve; moreover, the  
23 possibility of a Robstown Trade Processing and Inland Center is  
24 currently under study; and

25 WHEREAS, Home to an enticing combination of new and historic  
26 development, Robstown offers numerous annual community events,  
27 including a holiday lighting procession, a Juneteenth celebration,

1 a Fourth of July program, a military observance and local hero  
2 recognition, Cottonfest, and clean-up and beautification  
3 activities; in addition, Robstown citizens are often represented in  
4 the Feria de Las Flores pageant; and

5 WHEREAS, Citizens of Robstown kicked off centennial  
6 festivities with the grand opening of the Richard M. Borchard  
7 Regional Fairgrounds on January 13, 2007; complete with a spacious  
8 banquet hall, two exhibit halls, a central pavilion arena, and a  
9 livestock area, the 500-acre facility will host an array of events,  
10 including the Nueces County Junior Livestock Show; and

11 WHEREAS, The city of Robstown embraces and promotes its proud  
12 history, culture, and tradition by, among other things, supporting  
13 its local schools, its children, and its children's activities,  
14 including sporting and academic events, where they are proudly  
15 known as the Cottonpickers; and

16 WHEREAS, With a recently revitalized downtown and several  
17 community projects in the works, Robstown is poised for a future of  
18 growth, development, and opportunity; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
20 Legislature hereby congratulate the residents of Robstown on their  
21 centennial celebration and extend to them sincere best wishes for  
22 continued success; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 2053

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2053 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2007, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House