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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.