

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 595

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the City of San Benito on the grand occasion of its centennial anniversary; and

**WHEREAS**, San Benito is known as the "Resaca City" for the picturesque 400-foot-wide resaca that winds through the city; the resaca was once a dry riverbed and is now the main canal of a large irrigation system; and

**WHEREAS**, San Benito had its beginnings as a small village known as Diaz, named in honor of Porfirio Diaz, president of Mexico; the city's growth began with the arrival of the railroad in 1904 and the completion of the first irrigation system in 1906; its name was changed to San Benito in honor of Benjamin Hicks, a pioneer rancher whose charitable attitude had endeared him to the local population; and

**WHEREAS**, The original map of the townsite was recorded on April 28, 1907; that same year, the first school was established and the post office opened as well; and

**WHEREAS**, The mild winter climate and the availability of irrigation water have made San Benito and the Lower Rio Grande Valley part of a vast agricultural empire that plays a major role in the Texas economy; and

**WHEREAS**, San Benito now has a population of well over 25,000 and has become a favored destination for winter tourists and retirees who enjoy the charm and diversity of this unique Texas city; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend the citizens of San Benito for their many contributions to the rich culture of Texas and extend congratulations to them on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of San Benito; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the citizens of San Benito as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 28, 2007.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate