

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1108

WHEREAS, Residents of Dickinson celebrated the grand opening of the Historic Dickinson Railroad Center on the weekend of April 27, 28, and 29, 2007; and

WHEREAS, The Railroad Center is made up of two restored historic railroad depots--the Dickinson depot and the League City depot; and

WHEREAS, The original Dickinson depot was built in 1859 for the Galveston, Houston and Henderson Railroad, one of the earliest railways in Texas and the first to reach the Texas Gulf Coast; after the depot was destroyed by fire in 1900, it was rebuilt by Galveston architect George B. Stowe, who designed the new depot's distinctive redbrick mantle fireplace, double half-moon doors, and bay window; thousands of visitors passed through this beautiful Victorian depot over the years; and

WHEREAS, After the GH&H Railroad abandoned the Dickinson depot, the Weed'N'Wish Garden Club acquired the building in 1967 and moved it to its present location; in 1968, the garden club acquired the League City depot as well and moved it to the new site; and

WHEREAS, For the next 30 years, the garden club maintained the two depots as a community event center and museum; in 1997, the two buildings were deeded to the City of Dickinson; and

WHEREAS, The Dickinson Historical Society was formed in 2000 and took over the responsibility for funding and renovating the depots; with assistance from the City of Dickinson, the Dickinson Economic Development Corporation, the Texas Department of Transportation, the Texas Historical Commission, and many other contributors, the newly restored depots have become the basis of the Historic Dickinson Railroad Center; and

WHEREAS, The new center incorporates community meeting rooms, a visitor center, a museum, a gift shop, and a bicycle rest-stop, as well as the offices for the Dickinson Historical Society and the North Galveston County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, The new Historic Dickinson Railroad Center celebrates the rich history of Dickinson, even as it serves as a focus for the city's bright future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby congratulate the Dickinson Historical Society on the grand opening of the Historic Dickinson Railroad

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Center and extend best wishes to all involved with the center for continued success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the Dickinson Historical Society 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 May 21, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate