

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1169**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the citizens of El Paso and West Texas in celebrating the sesquicentennial of El Paso and Southwestern Locomotive No. 1; and

**WHEREAS**, El Paso and Southwestern Locomotive No. 1 was built in 1857; it was named Spring Green when it first came to the Southwest in 1889; it was designated No. 1 by the El Paso and Southwestern Railroad that served the Gadsden Purchase area of the New Mexico Territory; by 1902, it was used to connect southern Arizona Territory through El Paso to northeastern New Mexico Territory; and

**WHEREAS**, El Paso and Southwestern Locomotive No. 1 is a classic standard American steam locomotive built by Breese Kneeland and Company at the New York Locomotive Works of Jersey City, New Jersey; it is the oldest classic American steam engine west of the Mississippi River and the only Breese Kneeland locomotive still in existence; and

**WHEREAS**, Classic American locomotives pulled the trains that opened Texas and the West to transcontinental traffic and trade; the locomotives were used to connect the Central Pacific Railroad to the Union Pacific Railroad on the first transcontinental rail line in 1869 and again when the second transcontinental railroad connected Texas to California, the Midwest, and New Orleans; and

**WHEREAS**, El Paso and Southwestern Locomotive No. 1 was retired in 1909 and placed on display in El Paso; it was moved to

Texas Western College in 1960; it is listed on Save America's Treasures; while at The University of Texas at El Paso, it was restored and is now on display in the Railroad and Transportation Museum of El Paso; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to El Paso and Southwestern Locomotive No. 1 on its 150th anniversary and extend best wishes to the citizens of El Paso and to the members of the El Paso County Historical Commission and the Southwest Chapter of the Railway and Locomotive Historical Society for a rewarding sesquicentennial celebration for El Paso and Southwestern Locomotive No. 1; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as a memento of the special occasion.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 25, 2007.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate