

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Kimble County celebrated the
2 sesquicentennial of the founding of their county in 2008; and

3 WHEREAS, The rugged, rolling plains of this scenic region of
4 live oak, mesquite, and sedge grasses were once inhabited by the
5 Comanche, Kiowa, and Apache peoples; several Spanish expeditions
6 passed through during the 1700s, and the first non-Native American
7 settlers arrived in the late 1850s; and

8 WHEREAS, Kimble County was established on January 22, 1858,
9 and was named for George Chester Kimble, a hero of the Alamo; the
10 town of Junction, at the confluence of the north and south branches
11 of the Llano River, eventually became the county seat; and

12 WHEREAS, In its early years, the county was an untamed and
13 often dangerous place, susceptible to attacks by Comanche,
14 Kickapoo, and Lipan Apache raiding parties; its rocky hills and
15 cedar brakes were also a haven for such outlaws as Rube Boyce, the
16 Dublin Gang, and John P. Ringo; and

17 WHEREAS, Peace came to Kimble County through the work of the
18 Texas Rangers and the United States Cavalry, and the county
19 steadily grew and prospered; the raising of cattle and sheep became
20 the mainstay of the area economy, and as early as the 1920s,
21 tourists began to journey to the county for its fine hunting and
22 fishing; and

23 WHEREAS, Kimble County has been the home of such notable
24 Texans as Governor Coke R. Stevenson, the first man to hold the

1 state's three highest offices, and O. C. Fisher, who served Texas as
2 a United States congressman for 32 years; and

3 WHEREAS, Today, Kimble County remains an important center for
4 ranching, with cattle, goats, and sheep as the principal livestock;
5 residents and visitors alike enjoy the many recreational
6 opportunities offered by this "land of living waters," including
7 fishing, canoeing, hunting, hiking, and birding; and

8 WHEREAS, Embracing their rich and colorful past as they look
9 to a bright future, the citizens of Kimble County may take
10 justifiable pride in celebrating their heritage and recognizing
11 this significant milestone; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
13 Legislature hereby commemorate the sesquicentennial of the
14 founding of Kimble County.

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Straus	Gattis	Menendez
Allen	Geren	Merritt
Alonzo	Giddings	Miklos
Alvarado	Gonzales	Miller of Comal
Anchia	Gonzalez Toureilles	Miller of Erath
Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
Berman	Hamilton	Naishtat
Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
Bonnen	Harless	Orr
Branch	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Kaufman	Hartnett	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Heflin	Parker
Burnam	Hernandez	Patrick
Button	Herrero	Paxton
Callegari	Hilderbran	Peña
Castro	Hochberg	Phillips
Chavez	Hodge	Pickett
Chisum	Homer	Pierson
Christian	Hopson	Pitts
Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Cook	Hughes	Riddle
Corte	Hunter	Rios Ybarra
Crabb	Isett	Ritter
Craddick	Jackson	Rodriguez
Creighton	Jones	Rose
Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
Darby	Kent	Shelton
Davis of Harris	King of Parker	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Taylor	Smith of Harris
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Smithee
Driver	Kleinschmidt	Solomons
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Laubenberg	Taylor
Edwards	Legler	Thibaut
Eiland	Leibowitz	Thompson
Eissler	Lewis	Truitt
Elkins	Lucio III	Turner of Tarrant
England	Madden	Turner of Harris
Farabee	Maldonado	Vaught
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Marquez	Villarreal
Fletcher	Martinez	Vo
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Walle
Flynn	McCall	Weber
Frost	McClendon	Woolley
Gallego	McReynolds	Zerwas

H.R. No. 38

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 38 was adopted by the House on
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Chief Clerk of the House