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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.