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H.R. No. 589

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Abernathy are celebrating the
2 centennial of their community on the Fourth of July, 2009; and

3 WHEREAS, Situated under the wide-open skies of the Llano
4 Estacado, Abernathy was founded when the Santa Fe Railroad extended
5 its line from Plainview to Lubbock; M. G. Abernathy, J. C. Roberds,
6 and Marvin C. Overton created the South Plains Investment Company
7 to promote the town, which was officially platted on July 8, 1909;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Many of the town's original buildings were moved
10 there from a nearby community, Bartonsite; by 1910, Abernathy had a
11 post office, and by 1914 it claimed a population of 300, as well as
12 four churches, several businesses, and a bank; and

13 WHEREAS, Over its first two decades, Abernathy developed into
14 a center for cotton and grain processing; incorporated in 1924, the
15 town boasted a flour mill during the 1920s and 1930s, and from 1929
16 to 1951, a cheese factory processed as much as 1,800 pounds of
17 cheese a day; oil was discovered near the town in 1946; and

18 WHEREAS, Today Abernathy continues to grow, with a new
19 housing development, and a recently completed 38-acre park,
20 featuring a fishing pond, playgrounds, and ball fields; residents
21 also enjoy the benefits of a school system that excels in both
22 academics and athletics; and

23 WHEREAS, The 100th anniversary of Abernathy's founding
24 provides a fine opportunity to recognize this outstanding community

1 and to honor its citizens for their industry, their
2 accomplishments, and their public spirit; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
4 Legislature hereby commemorate Abernathy's centennial and extend
5 to the town's residents sincere best wishes for a memorable and
6 meaningful birthday celebration; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for the city of Abernathy as an expression of high regard
9 by the Texas House of Representatives.