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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of Palacios is celebrating its centennial
2 in 2009, and this occasion presents a welcome opportunity to pay
3 tribute to the notable history of this Gulf Coast community; and

4 WHEREAS, At the turn of the 20th century, the area along Tres
5 Palacios Bay where the town is now located was used to pasture
6 livestock, but big changes were at hand; in 1901, the Texas Rice
7 Development Company bought the land, and the site was surveyed into
8 lots the following year; businesses and homes were established, and
9 an extension of the Southern Pacific rail line soon reached the
10 community; by 1915, Palacios was a bustling town of 2,000 people;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, The bayside community was a tourism destination from
13 the beginning, with a grand hotel and an overwater pavilion being
14 constructed in the early years of the 1900s; today, visitors
15 continue to enjoy the city's coastal locale and excellent
16 opportunities for fishing, boating, and bird-watching; and

17 WHEREAS, With its ready access to the Gulf of Mexico,
18 Palacios also has a long history as a center for commercial fishing
19 and seafood processing, and it hosts one of the largest shrimping
20 fleets on the Gulf Coast; moreover, the town is home to the Texas
21 State Marine Education Center, which allows youth and adults to
22 take part in marine field studies and to learn about the coastal
23 ecosystem; and

24 WHEREAS, Now home to more than 5,000 residents, Palacios can

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1 reflect proudly on an eventful century of development even as it
2 continues to relish the enduring beauty of the seaside surroundings
3 that attracted its first citizens 100 years ago; now, therefore, be
4 it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
6 Legislature hereby commemorate the centennial of the founding of
7 Palacios and extend best wishes to the town's residents on this
8 landmark anniversary.