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H.R. No. 1405

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A vital and valued asset to the town of Danbury and
2 the surrounding area, the Danbury Post Office, in Brazoria County,
3 is celebrating its 100th anniversary on April 23, 2009; and

4 WHEREAS, Danbury originated as a stop on the Missouri Pacific
5 Railroad, which built through the center of the county in 1905-1906
6 and opened up land that had previously been inaccessible; the
7 fertile soil of this section subsequently attracted a number of
8 farmers from the North and Midwest, and those settlers were
9 followed by many farmers of Czech descent; and

10 WHEREAS, The Danbury Post Office opened on April 22, 1909, in
11 the Danbury Hotel, with Thomas B. Boring as postmaster; the
12 following year, the post office moved into the general store and the
13 store's proprietor, George L. Bradley, assumed postmaster duties;
14 when William A. Moller purchased the store later that year, he
15 simultaneously became the third postmaster of the young community;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Moller was succeeded by Daniel T. Taylor, who
18 served in 1912, William A. Griffing, 1912-1913, Alma McBride,
19 1914-1916, Robert E. McBride, 1917-1940, Eugene B. Griffing,
20 1940-1970, Esther A. Filipp, 1971-1992, Ron Smith, 1992-2007, and
21 Janie Norris, who has held the office since 2007; in addition, Mrs.
22 Clyde Gougenheim served as a postal clerk for 31 years and held the
23 position of officer-in-charge from February 1970 to May 1971; and

24 WHEREAS, The Danbury Post Office moved into its own building

1 for the first time in the 1960s, and it remained there until 1998,
2 when a new post office building was constructed on Fifth Street; and

3 WHEREAS, Today, Danbury citizens celebrate their community
4 of approximately 1,700 residents as the Little Town with a Big
5 Heart, and the Danbury Post Office, with its friendly hometown
6 service, exemplifies the helpful, civic spirit that characterizes
7 this proud corner of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
9 Legislature hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of the
10 establishment of the Danbury Post Office and extend to its staff and
11 patrons sincere best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable
12 celebration; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for the Danbury Post Office as an expression of high regard
15 by the Texas House of Representatives.