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H.R. No. 1620

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Jarrell celebrated their city's  
2 100th anniversary on April 11, 2009; and

3 WHEREAS, Jarrell was platted in 1909 at the junction of an old  
4 stagecoach line and the anticipated route of the Bartlett and  
5 Western Railway; the new town grew quickly and reached a population  
6 of 500 by 1914, when it boasted electric lights, a waterworks, a  
7 hotel, and a movie theater; and

8 WHEREAS, For most of the 1900s, Jarrell remained an  
9 agricultural community; the loss of rail service in 1935 and the  
10 decline of the cotton industry in the 1920s and 1930s removed much  
11 of the impetus for its growth, and the town settled into a quiet  
12 routine that lasted until the final decade of the 20th century; and

13 WHEREAS, Since 1990, Jarrell's population has risen  
14 dramatically, and given its access to major transportation  
15 arteries, as well as its proximity to Austin, continued expansion  
16 is predicted for a number of years to come; and

17 WHEREAS, Incorporated in 2001, Jarrell now enjoys a  
18 diversified economy, with enterprises ranging from light  
19 manufacturing to retail to quarrying; the outstanding quality of  
20 its schools serves as an additional attraction for families and  
21 businesses looking to relocate; and

22 WHEREAS, At the heart of this thriving town is an indomitable  
23 community spirit; Jarrell was struck on May 27, 1997, by a  
24 devastating tornado that killed nearly 30 people; in the aftermath

1 of the storm, a tenacious town rebuilt with the help of numerous  
2 local volunteers; that same spirit of mutual support today sustains  
3 a host of worthy civic endeavors; and

4 WHEREAS, At this special milestone, as the citizens of  
5 Jarrell pause to reflect and celebrate, it is most fitting to  
6 recognize their industry, their accomplishments, and their  
7 unshakable determination; 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 founding of Jarrell and extend to all who call this city home  
11 sincere best wishes for a bright and prosperous future.