

By: Martinez

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas A&M University--Kingsville Citrus Center
2 celebrated 60 years of operation in 2008; and

3 WHEREAS, Opened on July 1, 1948, the facility conducts basic
4 and applied research in an effort to provide innovative solutions
5 to enable the Texas citrus industry to remain competitive in an
6 increasingly global market; the center incorporates undergraduate
7 and graduate student training into its research programs; and

8 WHEREAS, Among its many significant achievements, the Texas
9 A&M University--Kingsville Citrus Center developed both the Star
10 Ruby and the Rio Red varieties of dark red grapefruit; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1993, the Texas Legislature designated the Texas
12 Red Grapefruit as the official State Fruit of Texas; and

13 WHEREAS, The citrus center has further served the industry
14 through its development of methods and technology in the fields of
15 pest and disease management, freeze protection, and environmental
16 sustainability and responsibility; moreover, it is at the forefront
17 of helping the citrus industry prepare for and deal with emerging
18 issues; and

19 WHEREAS, Texas is known for the richness and variety of its
20 agricultural bounty, and the efforts of the Texas A&M
21 University--Kingsville Citrus Center have contributed to the
22 state's renown and to the strength of its economy; now, therefore,
23 be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas

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1 Legislature hereby congratulate Texas A&M University--Kingsville
2 Citrus Center on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of its
3 establishment, recognize all those associated with the facility for
4 their outstanding accomplishments, and extend to them sincere best
5 wishes for continued success with their important work; and, be it
6 further

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