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R E S O L U T I O N

1    WHEREAS, The tradition of family-owned and -operated
2 businesses is strong in the Lone Star State, and The New York Store
3 of Hebbronville is contributing to that proud heritage by
4 celebrating the 100th anniversary of its founding in 2009; and
5    WHEREAS, Established in 1909 by Sixto Garcia, The New York
6 Store served as a much-needed general store for Hebbronville and
7 Jim Hogg County on its opening, providing its customers with a wide
8 variety of merchandise, including groceries, hardware, and
9 agricultural supplies and equipment; and
10    WHEREAS, The store likewise aided the community by allowing
11 area citizens to purchase items on credit and offering wholesale
12 prices to ranchers and farmers buying in large quantities; the
13 store was a welcome addition to the town, offering customers
14 safeguards for their wagons and a resting place for their horses;
15 and
16    WHEREAS, Today, The New York Store continues to thrive by
17 stocking a variety of western wear, specializing in clothing and
18 accessories that preserve the vaquero tradition; for the past 15
19 years, the store has been owned and operated by Mr. Garcia's
20 granddaughter, Marguerita Ellison, who took over the business in
21 1994 from her parents, Blas and Herlinda Salinas; and
22    WHEREAS, By carrying on her family's tradition of serving the
23 community, Mrs. Ellison has ensured that The New York Store
24 continues to contribute to the cultural and economic life of Jim

1 Hogg County, while preserving a vital part of the town's rich

2 history; now, therefore, be it

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

4 Legislature hereby commemorate the centennial of The New York Store

5 in Hebbronville and extend to Marguerita Ellison and her staff

6 sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it

7 further

8       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

9 prepared for the store as an expression of high regard by the Texas

10 House of Representatives.