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S.C.R. No. 64

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Residents of Sabine Pass are gathering on May 3,
3 2009, to celebrate the 170th anniversary of the founding of their
4 community; and

5 WHEREAS, First settled in the early 1830s, the town of Sabine
6 City was officially established on January 19, 1839, by a charter
7 signed by General Sam Houston; the Sabine City Company began to
8 advertise lots in the town on May 1, 1839, and in 1860, the city
9 changed its name to Sabine Pass; and

10 WHEREAS, In the 1800s, Sabine Pass was a major port on the
11 Gulf of Mexico, an important shipping point for cattle and cotton;
12 during the Civil War, the port was defended by Forts Sabine and
13 Griffin, and the town was the site of the Battle of Sabine Pass on
14 September 8, 1863, when Confederate gunners drove off an attack by
15 four Union gunboats; and

16 WHEREAS, Sabine Pass is the birthplace of Pattillo Higgins,
17 the entrepreneur who helped initiate the Spindletop oil strike in
18 the early 1900s; the town is also the birthplace of J. P.
19 Richardson, the rock 'n' roll star known as the Big Bopper; and

20 WHEREAS, Since 1978, the community has been part of Port
21 Arthur; its economy continues to depend on the oil industry,
22 commercial fishing, and marine repair; and

23 WHEREAS, Throughout the years, Sabine Pass has been hit hard
24 by hurricanes; an 1886 storm killed 86 people and almost destroyed

1 the town, and Hurricanes Rita, Humberto, Gustav, and Ike are
2 responsible for more recent damage; after each devastating event,
3 however, the people of Sabine Pass have come together to rebuild and
4 restore the vitality of their community; and

5 WHEREAS, The hardy spirit of Sabine Pass remains strong, and
6 its citizens may indeed take pride in their rich history as they
7 celebrate a notable milestone; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas
9 hereby commemorate the 170th anniversary of the founding of Sabine
10 Pass and extend to its residents sincere best wishes for a
11 meaningful and memorable event; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for the community of Sabine Pass as an expression of high
14 regard by the Texas Senate and House of Representatives.