

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 230

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas takes pleasure in recognizing the citizens of Fort Stockton on the joyous occasion of the city's Sesquicentennial Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, This anniversary is an opportunity for the citizens of Fort Stockton and all Pecos County residents to celebrate the amenities of their county seat and take pride in the history of the Trans-Pecos area; and

WHEREAS, Nestled near the heart of West Texas on Interstate Highway 10, Fort Stockton derives its name from the first settlement in the area, the United States Army outpost, Fort Stockton, which was established in 1859 at Comanche Springs, a favorite rest stop on the Comanche Trail; the fort was named for United States Senator Robert Field Stockton; and

WHEREAS, In 1868, Peter Gallagher purchased land that included the Fort Stockton army post and Comanche Springs and platted 160 acres for a townsite near the fort named Saint Gall; in 1871, Pecos County was established by the Texas Legislature and was formally organized on March 9, 1875, at Saint Gall, which then became the county seat; on August 13, 1881, the name of the county seat was officially changed to Fort Stockton; and

WHEREAS, After the military post was abandoned in 1886, Fort Stockton underwent a temporary decline, only to rise again quickly as it soon became a successful center for sheep and cattle ranching and later experienced an economic boom after the 1926 opening of the nearby Yates oil field; and

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WHEREAS, Today, Fort Stockton is surrounded by the extensive ranches and vast irrigated, agricultural farms that have been successfully maintained over the years; it also bears the fruits of having been a longtime center for the processing and distribution of natural gas and oil; the city's numerous historic sites include Comanche Springs, the remains of the old fort, and the Annie Riggs Memorial Museum; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby join the citizens of Fort Stockton in celebration of the city's Sesquicentennial Anniversary and extend appreciation to Pecos County residents for the county's many contributions to our state; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of Fort Stockton and Pecos County.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 17, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate