

By: Flynn

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A locally owned and operated financial institution
2 provides a strong foundation for its community, and First State
3 Bank of Ben Wheeler is celebrating its 100th anniversary on
4 February 9, 2011; and

5 WHEREAS, Founded by 13 area businessmen in 1911, the bank was
6 situated for many years next to the post office in the "old
7 downtown" of Ben Wheeler; in 1962, the bank was purchased by Ivy
8 Truitt Fulgham, who also served as the business's president for the
9 next 20 years; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1982, Randal Clayton took over as president, and
11 during his 28-year tenure, the bank experienced considerable
12 growth; the main branch has been located on Highway 64 in Ben
13 Wheeler since 1999, and the institution opened a location in Edom in
14 1987, in Canton in 2001, and in Edgewood in 2009; Mr. Clayton is now
15 chair of the board of directors, while Chet Clayton serves as
16 president; and

17 WHEREAS, Combining the latest in banking technology and
18 convenience with traditional small-town friendliness and an
19 enduring commitment to serving the community, First State Bank has
20 played a vital role in the development of Van Zandt County, and it
21 is indeed fitting to recognize its many contributions on this
22 special occasion; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
24 Legislature hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of First State

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1 Bank of Ben Wheeler and extend to the bank's management, staff, and
2 customers sincere best wishes for a memorable and enjoyable
3 celebration; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for the bank as an expression of high regard by the Texas
6 House of Representatives.