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H.R. No. 523

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Campbellton Post Office in southern Atascosa
2 County, Texas, has played as essential role in the lives of area
3 residents for more than 130 years, but the United States Postal
4 Service has placed it on a list of facilities to be closed in 2011;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, John Campbell established the post office in his
7 general store in 1874, and five years later, moved them both to the
8 new town of Campbellton; Mr. Campbell was officially appointed the
9 first postmaster and was succeeded over the years by a number of his
10 descendants, including William Campbell, Edward Campbell, Louise
11 Campbell, and Alyce Campbell; and

12 WHEREAS, Its present postmaster, Lydia Rodriguez Castillo,
13 began her long tenure in 1971; a postal service hiring freeze
14 prevents her position from being filled when she retires, yet the
15 postal service has targeted the branch for closure in part because
16 it lacks a permanent postmaster; and

17 WHEREAS, Residents of the rural area and hamlets served by
18 the Campbellton Post Office rely on it for business communications
19 as well as for their personal mail, and the post office is
20 particularly important to the elderly; if it should close,
21 customers would have to travel some 20 miles to send packages, check
22 post office boxes, or mail important documents; accordingly,
23 patrons and civic leaders have formed a committee and started a
24 petition to support the preservation of this integral institution;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Throughout the history of Campbellton, the post
3 office has been part of the fabric of the community, and its closing
4 would deprive citizens of ready access to vital services and
5 diminish their quality of life; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
7 Legislature hereby honor the legacy of public service to the
8 community of the Campbellton Post Office; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the house of representatives hereby
10 respectfully urge the United States Congress to direct the U.S.
11 Postal Service to continue operating the Campbellton Post Office in
12 Atascosa County, Texas; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the chief clerk forward official copies of
14 this resolution to the president of the United States, to the
15 president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of
16 Representatives of the United States Congress, to the United States
17 postmaster general, and to all the members of the Texas delegation
18 to Congress with the request that this resolution be entered in the
19 Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United
20 States of America.