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H.R. No. 1530

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Poteet are celebrating the 125th
2 anniversary of their post office in 2011; and

3 WHEREAS, The town's namesake, Francis M. Poteet, was a
4 blacksmith who also ran a mercantile store in the area in the 1880s;
5 he began providing mail service to his customers and was granted a
6 station by U.S. Postal Service officials in 1886; he served as the
7 community's first postmaster and later sold his business to Henry
8 T. Mumme, who donated 400 acres of land for a new townsite and moved
9 the post office there; and

10 WHEREAS, The Poteet post office has benefited from the
11 leadership of 16 postmasters over the past 125 years; in addition to
12 Mr. Poteet and Mr. Mumme, they include Percy Herman, Andrew Coward,
13 Florence Burnham, Thomas E. Franklin, G. O. Gawthon, Charles B.
14 Myers, Elmo S. Wheeler, Roger W. Williams, Elizabeth H. Payne,
15 August E. Hooge, Mary Cooper, Alfredo Catala, Benito J. Mendoza,
16 and Ada M. Ennis; and

17 WHEREAS, Members of the Poteet Grange and the local chamber
18 of commerce have scheduled a series of events to be held throughout
19 the year in observance of the post office's anniversary; recent
20 programs involved a community unity gathering, ceremonies honoring
21 all Poteet postmasters, and historical presentations, and upcoming
22 events include a reception for Poteet citizens over the age of 80, a
23 competition for the oldest postmark cancellation, an antique show,
24 and a time capsule burial; and

1 WHEREAS, Through the years, the Poteet post office has served
2 generations of area Texans, and local citizens may indeed take
3 pride in the rich history of this venerable institution in their
4 community; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
6 Legislature hereby commemorate the 125th anniversary of the United
7 States Post Office in Poteet and extend to all those taking part in
8 the festivities sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable
9 anniversary year; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for the U.S. Post Office in Poteet as an expression of high
12 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.