

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Robstown Hardware Company, long a mainstay of
2 the farming and ranching community in South Texas, is celebrating
3 its 100th anniversary in 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, The company was founded in downtown Robstown by
5 Edwin Flato as a hardware store, an appliance and furniture
6 retailer, and a John Deere tractor dealership; managed by company
7 president Harry Nichols, Robstown Hardware also included an
8 ambulance service and a funeral home; and

9 WHEREAS, The business grew and prospered over the next 60
10 years, and in 1974 it moved to its present location on Highway 77;
11 around the same time, it became primarily a John Deere dealership,
12 selling a line that ranged from riding lawn mowers to ranch tractors
13 and small construction equipment; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Nichols retired in 1981 after 68 years as
15 company president, and the dealership was purchased by King Ranch,
16 Inc.; the company added farm tires and tracks to its inventory in
17 1995, and today, under the leadership of general manager Andy
18 Pollard, Robstown Hardware continues to be one of the leading
19 agricultural equipment dealers in South Texas, with a large staff
20 of certified technicians who can provide service to tractors and
21 other equipment in the field; and

22 WHEREAS, Robstown Hardware has also long been active in the
23 community as a sponsor of farm and ranch shows, junior livestock
24 shows, 4-H tractor driving and safety events, and customer

1 appreciation days; in addition, it has supported the efforts of
2 county extension programs, funded scholarships, and participated
3 in the Relay for Life cancer fund-raising events; and

4 WHEREAS, Locally owned and operated businesses play a vital
5 role in the economy and culture of Texas, and all those associated
6 with Robstown Hardware can take great pride in the contributions
7 the company has made to the surrounding region over the past 100
8 years; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
10 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate the Robstown
11 Hardware Company on its centennial and extend to the company's
12 owners and staff sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be
13 it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for the Robstown Hardware Company as an expression of high
16 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 10

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 10 was adopted by the House on July 25, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House