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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud citizens of the City of Three Rivers are
2 celebrating their city's centennial in 2013, and this milestone
3 offers a welcome opportunity to recognize the notable role this
4 city has played in the development of the Lone Star State; and

5 WHEREAS, Three Rivers traces its beginnings to July 4, 1913
6 with a grand opening and first sale of land by Charles R. Tips, a
7 University of Texas graduate and employee of the First National
8 Bank of Seguin; he came to the Brush Country at the urging of Mrs.
9 Annie Hamilton of Cuero, who owned a tract of land where Three
10 Rivers now sits; the fledgling community was named Hamiltonburg,
11 until the U.S. Post Office insisted that the name was too similar to
12 "Hamilton", thus the change; Tips suggested Three Rivers because of
13 the nearby confluence of the Atascosa, Frio and Nueces Rivers; and

14 WHEREAS, The establishment of the Three Rivers Glass Company
15 in 1922 was one of the most significant chapters in Three Rivers'
16 history; the factory was established after the discovery of large
17 deposits of Quartzzone sand just north of Three Rivers; Quartzzone
18 sand is essential to the production of high-quality glass; although
19 the company had financial ups and downs, it managed to capture a
20 major share of the Texas commercial glassware market before its
21 sale to a major competitor in 1937 and its ultimate closure;
22 examples of some of the bottles and jars made in the factory can be
23 found in Three Rivers antique and collectibles shops; and

24 WHEREAS, Today Three Rivers is a prosperous community of

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1 2,000, many of whom work at the Three Rivers-Valero Refinery
2 (originally Three Rivers Refinery started in 1933) or the Federal
3 Bureau of Prisons Correctional Institution; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
5 Legislature hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of Three
6 Rivers and extend to its residents sincere best wishes for the
7 future.