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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Socorro celebrated the town's  
2 165th anniversary at Fiesta del Valle held in May 2013; and

3 WHEREAS, After the Pueblo Revolt of 1680 in northern New  
4 Mexico, Spaniards and their Native American allies relocated to the  
5 Socorro area, where they built the Nuestra Senora de la Limpia  
6 Concepcion del Socorro Mission; though the mission was destroyed  
7 twice by the flooding of the Rio Grande, determined settlers built a  
8 third church in 1843, and it still stands today; in 1848, after the  
9 Mexican-American War, the City of Socorro became an official Texas  
10 municipality; and

11 WHEREAS, Socorro residents commemorated this anniversary  
12 with the biggest fiesta in east El Paso County, an event that  
13 featured music, food, a dance competition, and the largest  
14 fireworks display in the city's history; on the last night of the  
15 festival, Noche Mexicana, Socorro welcomed their featured guest,  
16 Jacob Prado, the Consul General of Mexico in El Paso, as an  
17 expression of the continuing friendship between the neighboring  
18 countries; and

19 WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich history as they work to build  
20 a bright and prosperous future, the people of Socorro may indeed  
21 take great pride in the important role their city has played in the  
22 story of our state and nation; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
24 Legislature hereby commemorate the 165th anniversary of the

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1 incorporation of Socorro and extend to the city's residents sincere  
2 best wishes for the future.