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S.C.R. No. 34

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas is proud to pay
3 tribute to the citizens of West for the exceptional community
4 spirit and resolve they have shown in responding to the recent
5 disaster; and

6 WHEREAS, On April 17, 2013, the McLennan County community of
7 West was devastated by a massive explosion and fire at the West
8 Fertilizer Company; and

9 WHEREAS, West is a close-knit, historic community of some
10 2,800 residents; known as the Czech Heritage Capital of Texas and
11 famous for its kolaches, the town has for more than 130 years
12 demonstrated the confident, positive outlook that has allowed its
13 citizens to withstand this terrible tragedy with courage and
14 strength, and their extraordinary spirit of communal goodwill has
15 served as an inspiration to people everywhere; and

16 WHEREAS, Even before the last reverberations of the blast had
17 faded, the people of West were converging on the area to provide
18 assistance and comfort to their fellow citizens; those who had lost
19 everything they owned set aside their own needs to join the first
20 responders as they rushed toward the scene of the disaster; and

21 WHEREAS, People from around the world have offered
22 condolences and support to the citizens of West as they deal with
23 the aftermath of this tragedy; and

24 WHEREAS, The people of West have demonstrated true Texas

1 spirit as they have pulled together to offer one another support and
2 aid, and it is truly fitting that they be recognized for their
3 determination and fortitude in the face of unfathomable loss; now,
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas
6 hereby commend the citizens of West on their courage and resilience
7 of spirit and extend to them sincere sympathy on their loss and
8 heartfelt wishes for recovery and healing after this tragic event;
9 and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared in honor
11 of the citizens of West and as an expression of admiration and
12 esteem from the Texas Legislature.