

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Residents of Crosby County marked the centennial of  
2 their courthouse with a special celebration on September 27, 2014;  
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4           WHEREAS, In 1910, citizens selected Crosbyton as the county  
5 seat; disputes over the election were finally resolved two years  
6 later, and the commissioners began planning the construction of a  
7 courthouse on a site donated by one of the city's founders, Julian  
8 Bassett; and

9           WHEREAS, Fort Worth architect M. L. Waller designed the  
10 building in the neoclassical style; its front elevation features a  
11 full-height entry with a triangular pediment supported by columns,  
12 and the edifice was completed by contractor S. Goodrum in late  
13 1914; and

14           WHEREAS, In its first decade, the courthouse was the site of  
15 an infamous murder carried out on its very steps, claiming the lives  
16 of two victims who were themselves attempted murder defendants; the  
17 centennial festivities featured a reenactment of the notorious  
18 event, along with tours, a parade, storytelling, and other  
19 activities; since 2000, the courthouse has been recognized by the  
20 Texas Historical Commission as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark;  
21 and

22           WHEREAS, The Crosby County Courthouse has played an important  
23 role in the community for over a century, and its colorful past  
24 remains a source of fascination to residents and visitors alike;

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1 now, therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
3 Legislature hereby commemorate the centennial of the Crosby County  
4 Courthouse and commend all those associated with the 100th  
5 anniversary celebrations for their noteworthy efforts.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 886 was adopted by the House on March 12, 2015, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House