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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;

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.