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H.R. No. 1473

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The new Kimble County Historical Museum in Junction
2 celebrated its grand opening on March 23, 2019; and

3 WHEREAS, Situated in the former Kimble County Hospital, the
4 Kimble County Historical Museum replaces an earlier, smaller
5 facility that was established in 1966 and closed in 2011; committed
6 to telling the county's history on a larger scale, the Kimble County
7 Historical Commission purchased the former hospital and hired an
8 architect to redesign the interior; work began in 2015, and the
9 project benefited from widespread community support; and

10 WHEREAS, This handsome, state-of-the-art museum features an
11 interpretive wing that leads the visitor from prehistoric times to
12 the present day, as well as an area devoted to the story of Hispanic
13 people in the county and a room devoted to the arrowhead collection
14 of the late Charles Simon; other exhibits include early ranching
15 and farming equipment and a collection of medical implements; and

16 WHEREAS, The museum also houses a mini-theater with donated
17 pews from a local church and displays of sports trophies and
18 military memorabilia; in addition, it is home to the Frederica Burt
19 Wyatt genealogy center and the Coke R. Stevenson Room, which is
20 dedicated to the former Kimble County attorney who served Texas as
21 governor from 1941 to 1947; and

22 WHEREAS, The residents of Kimble County have joined together
23 to preserve a vital part of the history of the Lone Star State and to
24 foster appreciation for their shared heritage, and this outstanding

1 institution is indeed a welcome addition to their community; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
4 Legislature hereby commemorate the grand opening of the Kimble
5 County Historical Museum and congratulate all those involved in
6 bringing this project to fruition; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for the museum as an expression of high regard by the Texas
9 House of Representatives.