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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Pecos County are gathering in
2 Fort Stockton on May 3, 2021, to commemorate the 150th anniversary
3 of their county's founding; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated south of the Pecos River, this region of
5 desert brushland, stately mesas, and arroyos was first inhabited in
6 prehistoric times; centuries later, it was visited by the Comanches
7 and by traders who passed along the Chihuahua Trail; Fort Stockton
8 was established in 1859 at Comanche Springs to guard the mail route
9 between San Antonio and El Paso, and the nearby civilian settlement
10 of St. Gall, founded in 1868, became a supply center for the army,
11 wagon trains, and other travelers; and

12 WHEREAS, Pecos County was established by the Texas
13 Legislature on May 3, 1871, and organized in 1875 with the county
14 seat in St. Gall, which was renamed Fort Stockton in the 1880s; the
15 famous Goodnight-Loving cattle trail passed through the county, and
16 the arrival of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway Company in
17 1913 as well as the development of irrigation brought new settlers;
18 the discovery of oil in the 1920s led to an oil boom and the creation
19 of the towns of Redbarn, Iraan, and Bakersfield; and

20 WHEREAS, Today, the county is a center of oil and natural gas
21 production as well as solar farms and wind power, while its
22 agricultural economy is supported by the ranching of cattle, sheep,
23 and goats and the farming of alfalfa, onions, peppers, and melons;
24 residents enjoy such cultural events as the Pecos County Livestock

1 Show and country music and folk concerts as well as cook-offs and
2 rodeos, while visitors are drawn by the county's colorful history
3 and scenic drives; and

4 WHEREAS, Working to preserve their rich history while they
5 build a bright future, the people of Pecos County may indeed take
6 great pride in their home as they celebrate this milestone
7 anniversary; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
9 Legislature hereby commemorate the sesquicentennial of Pecos
10 County and extend to all those in attendance sincere best wishes for
11 a meaningful and memorable event.