



# The State of Texas House of Representatives

H.R. No. 35

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Residents of Coleman County celebrated the sesquicentennial of the establishment of their county throughout 2008; and

WHEREAS, Situated in west central Texas, Coleman County traces its origins to 1856, when the U.S. Army built Camp Colorado; the frontier garrison served as the first county seat for Coleman County, which was formed on February 1, 1858, and named after Robert M. Coleman, a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence and an aide-de-camp to General Sam Houston at the Battle of San Jacinto; and

WHEREAS, Prominent citizens organized a county government in 1875 and the next year chose a more central site for the county seat, located close to the bustling commerce of the Western Trail; the survey of the new town of Coleman was barely complete before doctors, lawyers, merchants, ranchers, and others were clamoring to buy lots; agriculture flourished after 1900, though the county later struggled with drought, and the city of Coleman was forced to import water; natural gas and oil were discovered before 1920, and the industries grew, while farming was hit hard by the Great Depression; and

WHEREAS, Coleman County's economy today includes limestone, high-grade glass sand, and the manufacturing of products ranging from saddles to recreational vehicles; moreover, agribusiness, oil, natural gas, and ranching remain important, and Coleman ranks as the fourth-largest wool-producing county in Texas; tourism thrives in the region as well, with hunters drawn to the area by bountiful deer, turkey, ducks, quail, and dove; six major lakes provide excellent fishing and recreation; and

WHEREAS, Visitors to Coleman County further enjoy exploring the ruins of Camp Colorado, the ghost town of Trickham, and a pioneer cabin museum at the foot of Santa Anna Mountain; numerous markers commemorate a fascinating history that includes one of the first female sheriffs in the United States, Emma Susan Daugherty Banister, who was appointed to complete her husband's term on his death in August 1918; and

WHEREAS, Popular annual events include a PRCA rodeo, one of the nation's largest county livestock shows, Santa Anna Frontier Days, and the Fiesta de la Paloma and dove cook-off; the county began observance of its 150th anniversary on February 1, 2008, when the post office issued a commemorative cancellation stamp; and

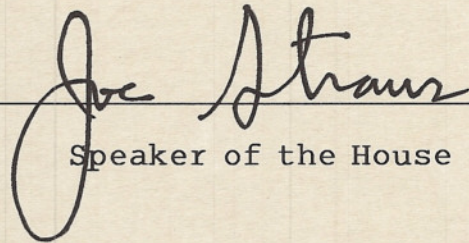
WHEREAS, In honoring Coleman County's first 150 years, citizens pay tribute to the exceptional Texans who came before them and share their pride in a home that offers natural beauty and a neighborly spirit; now, therefore, be it

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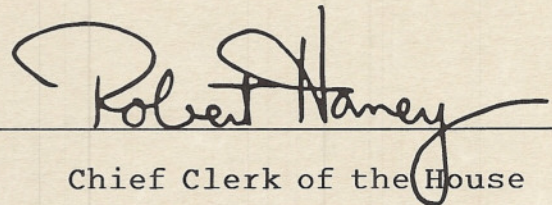
RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas Legislature hereby commemorate the sesquicentennial of Coleman County and extend to its residents best wishes for the future.

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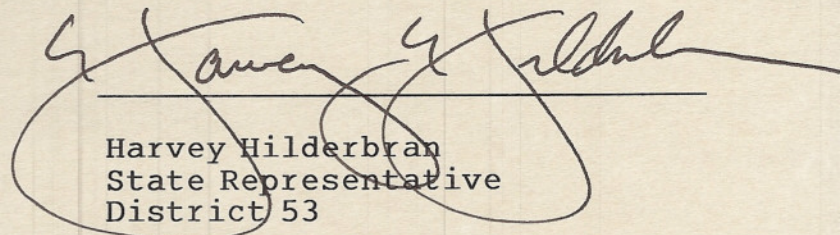
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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 35 was adopted by the House on February 26, 2009, by a non-record vote.

  
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Chief Clerk of the House



  
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Harvey Hilderbran  
State Representative  
District 53

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Allen	Geren	Merritt
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Alvarado	Gonzales	Miller of Comal
Anchia	Gonzalez Toureilles	Miller of Erath
Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
Berman	Hamilton	Naishtat
Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
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Castro	Hochberg	Phillips
Chavez	Hodge	Pickett
Chisum	Homer	Pierson
Christian	Hopson	Pitts
Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Cook	Hughes	Riddle
Corte	Hunter	Rios Ybarra
Crabb	Isett	Ritter
Craddick	Jackson	Rodriguez
Creighton	Jones	Rose
Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
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