

H.R. No. 757

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of La Salle County are gathering in
2 Austin on April 24, 2025, to celebrate La Salle County Day at the
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated in South Texas and traversed by the Nueces
5 and Frio Rivers, the area that is now La Salle County has been
6 inhabited for approximately 11,000 years; in the 1850s, the U.S.
7 Army briefly operated the Fort Ewell outpost on the road from
8 San Antonio to Laredo, and by 1871, some 60 people lived in the
9 nearby town of Guajoco; a number of ranchers moved into the region,
10 and in 1880, the county was formally organized, with Stuart's
11 Rancho near Guajoco designated as its first seat of government;
12 soon after, the International-Great Northern Railroad extended its
13 line into the county, with landowner Joseph Cotulla donating land
14 to encourage the railroad to pass through a townsite he was
15 developing; over the years, Cotulla became the most populous town
16 in the county, and the county seat was eventually moved there; and

17 WHEREAS, During the first decades of the 20th century, the
18 introduction of commercial agriculture ushered in a new period of
19 development, and national advertising campaigns attracted numerous
20 settlers, more than doubling the county's population to over 4,700
21 by 1910; in addition to cattle ranching, lucrative crops such as
22 onions, peaches, pears, plums, figs, and cotton became staples of
23 the local economy; in 1940, the first oil well was drilled, and
24 production continued to rise in the succeeding decades, with nearly

1 two million barrels of crude oil produced in 1990; and

2 WHEREAS, Today, La Salle County has a population of more than
3 6,600; the majority of the region's residents are concentrated in
4 the cities of Cotulla, which is home to the county's courthouse and
5 airport, and Encinal; since 2008, shale oil production has further
6 bolstered economic conditions; and

7 WHEREAS, Even as they celebrate their unique heritage, the
8 citizens of La Salle County are looking ahead to the opportunities
9 of the future, and they may reflect with pride on their
10 contributions to the story of the Lone Star State; now, therefore,
11 be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize April 24, 2025, as La Salle County Day
14 at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting
15 delegation.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 757 was adopted by the House on April 17, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 133, Nays 7, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House