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H.R. No. 406

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The residents of Live Oak County have a fascinating
2 history that adds to the important cultural and economic
3 contributions they are making to the Lone Star State; and

4 WHEREAS, Settled perhaps more than 10,000 years ago by the
5 first residents of Texas, the county was at various times inhabited
6 by Indian tribes and later by Spanish and Mexican colonists as well
7 as Irish immigrants; this diverse population faced grave challenges
8 during the Texas Revolution, as expeditions launched by Mexico
9 clashed with local residents and ownership of the land between the
10 Nueces and the Rio Grande was hotly contested by Mexico and the
11 Republic of Texas; and

12 WHEREAS, Live Oak County was officially formed on February 2,
13 1856, when the Texas Legislature created it from the counties of San
14 Patricio and Nueces, naming it for the tree which was found over
15 much of that region; and

16 WHEREAS, The county's population grew rapidly as its citizens
17 focused their efforts on building successful cattle and sheep
18 ranches; at the turn of the century, agriculture continued to
19 dominate the region's economy, with cotton playing an important
20 role in the lives of Live Oak residents, raising land prices,
21 encouraging subdivision of land, and bringing new wealth and
22 immigrants to the area; the resilience of county citizens was
23 evident once again in the 1930s, when the discovery of oil and
24 natural gas helped offset the combined effects of the Great

1 Depression and the declining cotton market; and

2 WHEREAS, This South Texas county, inhabited by about 12,000
3 people, is situated on the brushy plains between San Antonio and
4 Corpus Christi and is traversed by the meandering Frio, Nueces, and
5 Atascosa rivers, as well as by many smaller tributaries;
6 additionally, it is home to such attractions as Lake Corpus Christi
7 and Choke Canyon State Park; and

8 WHEREAS, The residents of Live Oak County are justifiably
9 proud of their fine communities, including George West, the county
10 seat, Three Rivers, Dinero, Lagarto, Oakville, Pernitas Point, and
11 Whitsett, and it is a great pleasure to unite with our fellow Texans
12 in saluting this notable Texas county; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
14 Legislature hereby recognize March 10, 2003, as Live Oak County Day
15 at the State Capitol and extend to its citizens warmest best wishes
16 for a memorable and enjoyable visit.