

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On March 10, 2003, many proud Northeast Texas
2 residents are visiting Austin in celebration of Rains County Day at
3 the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Rains County was created in the late 1800s from
5 Hopkins, Hunt, and Wood counties; the county and its seat, Emory,
6 were named in honor of Emory Rains, an early pioneer who served in
7 the Congress of the Republic of Texas; and

8 WHEREAS, With a total area of only 258.8 square miles, Rains
9 County is one of the smallest counties in the state but is the
10 13th-fastest-growing county in the country; and

11 WHEREAS, Situated between Lake Tawakoni and Lake Fork
12 Reservoir, this lovely area is blessed with an abundant water
13 supply and fertile soil characteristic of the Blackland Prairie
14 region; the county initially prospered as a thriving agricultural
15 and ranching center and today enjoys a diverse economy that
16 includes oil production, manufacturing, and tourism; and

17 WHEREAS, Emory, which was originally known as Springville, is
18 now the largest town in Rains County with just over 1,000 people; it
19 is home to the Rains County Fair Grounds, the site of the annual
20 Eagle Fest celebration held in January, when the county's lakes are
21 the winter home of many American bald eagles and other rare birds;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, The city of Point was incorporated in 1966 and is
24 recognized as the birthplace of the National Farmers Union, an

1 organization that has grown to include more than 300,000 members;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, The county's youngest municipality, East Tawakoni
4 was incorporated in 1967 and has experienced significant growth in
5 recent years; this resort area offers residents the benefits of a
6 relaxed rural community while providing easy access to Dallas; and

7 WHEREAS, Proof positive that good things do come in small
8 packages, Rains County has indeed played a vital role in the
9 development of the Lone Star State, and it is a pleasure to join
10 with our fellow Texans in saluting the county and its fine citizens
11 at this time; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize March 10, 2003, as Rains County Day at
14 the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
15 best wishes for an informative and memorable stay in the Capital
16 City.

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Craddick	Giddings	Merritt
Allen	Goodman	Miller
Alonzo	Goolsby	Moreno of Harris
Bailey	Griggs	Moreno of El Paso
Baxter	Grusendorf	Morrison
Berman	Guillen	Mowery
Bohac	Gutierrez	Naishtat
Bonnen	Haggerty	Nixon
Branch	Hamilton	Noriega
Brown of Kaufman	Hamric	Oliveira
Brown of Brazos	Hardcastle	Olivo
Burnam	Harper-Brown	Paxton
Callegari	Hartnett	Pena
Campbell	Heflin	Phillips
Canales	Hegar	Pickett
Capelo	Hilderbran	Pitts
Casteel	Hill	Puente
Castro	Hochberg	Quintanilla
Chavez	Hodge	Rangel
Chisum	Homer	Raymond
Christian	Hope	Reyna
Coleman	Hopson	Riddle
Cook of Navarro	Howard	Ritter
Cook of Colorado	Hughes	Rodriguez
Corte	Hunter	Rose
Crabb	Hupp	Seaman
Crownover	Isett	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Harris	Jones of Lubbock	Smith of Harris
Davis of Dallas	Jones of Bexar	Smithee
Dawson	Jones of Dallas	Solis
Delisi	Keel	Solomons
Denny	Keffer of Dallas	Stick
Deshotel	Keffer of Eastland	Swinford
Driver	King	Talton
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Taylor
Dunnam	Krusee	Telford
Dutton	Kuempel	Thompson
Edwards	Laney	Truitt
Eiland	Laubenberg	Turner
Eissler	Lewis	Uresti
Elkins	Luna	Van Arsdale
Ellis	Mabry	Villarreal
Farabee	Madden	West
Farrar	Marchant	Wilson
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Wise
Flynn	McCall	Wohlgemuth
Gallego	McClendon	Wolens
Garza	McReynolds	Wong
Gattis	Menendez	Woolley
Geren	Mercer	Zedler

H.R. No. 407

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 407 was adopted by the House on March 10, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House