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H.R. No. 407

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.