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H.R. No. 572

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Many proud citizens of Karnes County have traveled  
2 to Austin on this day, March 24, 2003, in celebration of Karnes  
3 County Day at the State Capitol; and

4           WHEREAS, Once part of a 1758 Spanish land grant, the area  
5 became the site of the first Polish settlement in America, Panna  
6 Maria; over the years, an influx of Polish, German, Czech, and  
7 Mexican immigrants to the region gave Karnes County a richly  
8 diverse culture, which continues to attract many visitors today;  
9 and

10           WHEREAS, Established as a county by the Texas Legislature on  
11 February 4, 1854, Karnes County was named for the Texas patriot  
12 Henry Wax Karnes; Karnes City became the county seat in 1894, and  
13 other noteworthy towns in the county include Falls City, Runge,  
14 Panna Maria, Kenedy, and the once notorious frontier community of  
15 Helena, now a ghost town; and

16           WHEREAS, Karnes County combines rural charm with proximity to  
17 San Antonio, Austin, and Corpus Christi; the area's fertile  
18 agricultural lands support grain, wild game, and cattle production,  
19 and the county's many amenities offer a high quality of life for  
20 local residents; and

21           WHEREAS, Outdoor enthusiasts have come to enjoy the wide  
22 variety of activities offered in Karnes County, and the area is a  
23 favorite among fishermen and hunters; and

24           WHEREAS, Residents and visitors alike look forward to the

1 many celebrations hosted in the county throughout the year,  
2 including the Lonesome Dove Festival, Town and Country Days, the  
3 Runge Fourth of July Celebration, the Falls City Picnic, Indian  
4 Summer Fest, Kenedy Bluebonnet Days, and Christmas Along the  
5 Corridor, and next year promises to be especially memorable as the  
6 county will be celebrating its sesquicentennial in 2004; and

7 WHEREAS, A progressive community with a rich Texas heritage,  
8 Karnes County continues to play a significant role in the vitality  
9 of the Lone Star State, and its myriad contributions indeed merit  
10 special recognition; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby recognize March 24, 2003, as Karnes County Day  
13 at the State Capitol and extend warmest best wishes to all of its  
14 citizens on this noteworthy occasion.