

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 244

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Zapata County Day at the State Capitol and to welcome the many Zapata County residents who have joined us on this grand occasion; and

**WHEREAS**, The area which Zapata County occupies was originally home to the Coahuiltecan Indians; the county was created from Starr and Webb counties in 1858 and named for Colonel Antonio Zapata, a pioneer rancher and distinguished military officer who founded the Republic of the Rio Grande; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Zapata, the county seat, lies on the shores of the International Falcon Reservoir; its mild climate makes the area a popular winter tourist destination; the San Ygnacio Historic District, Corralitos Ranch and the San Francisco Ranch provide a number of recreational opportunities to the county's visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, Beef cattle raising and the production of onions, cantaloupes and melons contribute to a strong agricultural economy with a market value of several million dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, Zapata County is well known for its variety of large game, including deer and javelina; in addition, Falcon Lake provides excellent bass and bow fishing, and angling tournaments are a prominent feature; the Rio Grande Birding Trail affords bird-watchers the opportunity to view many unusual bird species, including the white-collared seedeater; and

**WHEREAS**, The citizens of Zapata County are a resilient people who have preserved their heritage, and they are rightfully proud of their many contributions to the state; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the citizens of Zapata County and declare February 27, 2003, Zapata County Day at the State Capitol; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the delegation visiting the State Capitol today and extend best wishes to them on this special day.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the  
above Resolution was adopted by  
the Senate on February 27, 2003.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate