

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 332

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, The city of Point was incorporated in 1966 and is recognized as the birthplace of the National Farmers Union, an organization that has grown to include more than 300,000 members; and

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

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

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

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 10, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate