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H.R. No. 486

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On March 2, 2005, 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, Rains County is one of the smallest counties in the
9 state but is the 20th-fastest-growing county in the country; and

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

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

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

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

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

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
12 Legislature hereby recognize March 2, 2005, as Rains County Day at
13 the State Capitol and extend to the Rains County residents who are
14 visiting here today sincere best wishes for an informative and
15 memorable stay in the Capitol City.