

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The colorful history of the Lone Star State is  
2   inextricably linked with the great late-nineteenth-century cattle  
3   drives that secured the mythic stature of the state's intrepid  
4   cattlemen and lifted Texas from the economic ruin of the Civil War;  
5   and

6           WHEREAS, The Great Western Trail, which originated in South  
7   Texas and extended up through Dodge City, Kansas, was crucial to the  
8   success of these bold ventures, and between 1876 and 1895 some seven  
9   million head of cattle were moved along its length; and

10          WHEREAS, Rightly thrilled by this rich history, modern-day  
11   Texans have sought to celebrate the romance of the Great Western  
12   Trail by re-creating the great cattle drives and marking its  
13   passage through the American heartland; and

14          WHEREAS, A 2004 trail drive from Bandera to Dodge City proved  
15   extremely successful, igniting widespread public interest and  
16   prompting other communities with ties to the trail to stage their  
17   own celebrations; and

18          WHEREAS, The first marker of the trail's path was placed at  
19   Doan's Crossing on the Red River as a gift from the people of  
20   Oklahoma, who are marking the trail in their state; closer to home,  
21   members of the Vernon Rotary Club followed suit in modern-day  
22   Wilbarger County; and

23          WHEREAS, The project's second marker was placed in Bandera,  
24   and since that time further markers have been placed in Baylor,

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1 Throckmorton, and Shackelford Counties, with plans in place to  
2 continue the process throughout the trail's Texas route; and

3 WHEREAS, The importance of the Great Western Trail to the  
4 development and history of Texas cannot be overestimated, and those  
5 citizens who take it upon themselves to preserve this proud legacy  
6 are truly deserving of our respect and gratitude; now, therefore,  
7 be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby commemorate the Great Western Trail and extend  
10 sincere best wishes to all those associated with the modern project  
11 of marking its path through the Lone Star State.

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Craddick	Geren	Menendez
Allen of Harris	Giddings	Merritt
Allen of Dallas	Gonzales	Miller
Alonzo	Gonzalez Toureilles	Moreno of Harris
Anchia	Goodman	Moreno of El Paso
Anderson	Goolsby	Morrison
Bailey	Griggs	Mowery
Baxter	Grusendorf	Naishtat
Berman	Guillen	Nixon
Blake	Haggerty	Noriega
Bohac	Hamilton	Oliveira
Bonnen	Hamric	Olivo
Branch	Hardcastle	Orr
Brown of Kaufman	Harper-Brown	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Hartnett	Paxton
Burnam	Hegar	Pena
Callegari	Herrero	Phillips
Campbell	Hilderbran	Pickett
Casteel	Hill	Pitts
Castro	Hochberg	Puente
Chavez	Hodge	Quintanilla
Chisum	Homer	Raymond
Coleman	Hope	Reyna
Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Riddle
Cook of Colorado	Howard	Ritter
Corte	Hughes	Rodriguez
Crabb	Hunter	Rose
Crownover	Hupp	Seaman
Davis of Harris	Isett	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	Jackson	Smith of Harris
Dawson	Jones of Lubbock	Smithee
Delisi	Jones of Dallas	Solis
Denny	Keel	Solomons
Deshotel	Keffer of Dallas	Strama
Driver	Keffer of Eastland	Straus
Dukes	King of Parker	Swinford
Dunnam	King of Zavala	Talton
Dutton	Kolkhorst	Taylor
Edwards	Krusee	Thompson
Eiland	Kuempel	Truitt
Eissler	Laney	Turner
Elkins	Laubenber	Uresti
Escobar	Leibowitz	Van Arsdale
Farabee	Luna	Veasey
Farrar	Madden	Villarreal
Flores	Martinez	Vo
Flynn	Martinez Fischer	West
Frost	McCall	Wong
Gallego	McClendon	Woolley
Gattis	McReynolds	Zedler

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 613 was adopted by the House on March 17, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House