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H.R. No. 1334

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to
2 recognize April 27, 2005, as Big Spring Area Day at the Capitol; a
3 West Texas city with a rich history, Big Spring is known for its
4 brilliant skies and earnest hospitality, and the "Big Sky, Big
5 Heart" community stands ready to move into the future; and

6 WHEREAS, Big Spring is the regional hub for a variety of
7 health care services, including the Big Spring State Hospital,
8 which furnishes psychiatric inpatient services for 57 West Texas
9 counties and provides mental health care to the Veterans
10 Administration Hospital for West Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, The West Texas Centers for Mental Health and Mental
13 Retardation supports an area of 23 counties with a wide array of
14 mental health and mental retardation services, as well as early
15 childhood intervention assistance to more than 2,200 individuals
16 each year; and

17 WHEREAS, One of the first homes of its kind, the
18 Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez State Veterans Home continues to provide
19 long-term care for veterans and their spouses, allowing them to
20 reside in dignity and comfort in their senior years; and

21 WHEREAS, Big Spring maintains a vital oil and gas industry,
22 and its citizens recently enjoyed a citywide celebration of the
23 75th anniversary of the Big Spring Alon Refinery; agriculture and
24 ranching remain the cornerstones of the city's economy, but the

1 importance of economic diversity has brought teleservices,
2 plastics, and composites manufacturing to the area; and

3 WHEREAS, Educational excellence is paramount to the citizens
4 of Big Spring; Howard College and Southwest Collegiate Institute
5 for the Deaf provide essential programs for a skilled workforce;
6 students from the Big Spring, Coahoma, and Forsan Independent
7 School Districts are encouraged to acquire skills and education
8 needed to meet future personal and economic goals; and

9 WHEREAS, The Colorado River Municipal Water District was
10 created by the 51st Texas Legislature to provide a dependable
11 source of water supply to its member cities, and for the last 56
12 years the district has successfully carried out that mission by
13 never having rationed water to the more than 425,000 people it
14 serves in West Texas; and

15 WHEREAS, Big Spring offers its citizens the possibility of
16 job opportunities, educational advancement, and recreational
17 activities; the city and its citizens have made important
18 contributions to the vitality and prosperity of Texas; now,
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
21 Legislature hereby extend to the citizens of Big Spring, Forsan,
22 and Coahoma best wishes for a delightful Big Spring Area Day at the
23 Capitol; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for them as an expression of esteem by the Texas House of
26 Representatives.