

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 228

WHEREAS, On March 1, 2005, many proud residents of Parker County are traveling to Austin in celebration of Parker County Day at the State Capitol, and their visit provides a fitting opportunity to reflect on the history and contributions of their fine community; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1855 from Bosque County and Navarro County, Parker County is named for Isaac Parker, who brought 224 settlers to the region in that same year; and

WHEREAS, The county's population and economy continued to expand during most of the late 19th century, spurred by the construction of three railroads in the area; over the decades, Parker County has undergone many changes and today benefits from a diverse market centered around commercial interests and agribusiness, with local farms and ranches producing beef cattle, dairy cows, horses, peanuts, watermelons, pecans, and peaches; and

WHEREAS, Parker County is located at the western edge of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex; the county has experienced tremendous growth in recent years, as it offers an attractive rural setting among gently rolling plains, combined with close proximity to urban amenities; and

WHEREAS, Weatherford serves as the county seat and is the home to such notable attractions as the Texas Railroad Museum, the H. B. Prather Museum, and the Parker County Courthouse, which was recently restored to its original splendor; other towns in the county include Aledo, Annetta, Cool, Springtown, Willow Park, and portions of Azle and Mineral Wells; and

WHEREAS, Area residents uphold the county's heritage with the annual Frontier Days each July and also enjoy the Spring Festival of Homes and Parade in April; and

WHEREAS, Residents of Parker County take great pride in the rich history of their county, and thanks to the efforts of their forward-thinking citizenry, they can look ahead to a bright and promising future as well; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby recognize March 1, 2005, as Parker County Day at the State Capitol and extend sincere best wishes to all involved for an enjoyable stay in Austin; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as a memento of this occasion.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 1, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate