

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 361

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the citizens of Karnes County in recognizing March 14, 2005, as Karnes County Day at the Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Karnes County was created in 1854 and was named for Henry W. Karnes, a leading figure in the Texas Revolution; the area was originally part of a Royal Spanish Land Grant and was home to the first ranch in Texas; and

WHEREAS, Located on the rolling coastal plains between Austin and Corpus Christi, Karnes County boasts a rich and colorful history; Panna Maria is home to the oldest Polish settlement in America, and Helena was once a notorious frontier town; and

WHEREAS, Kenedy, the largest city in the county, is an economic center for the area; other towns include Falls City, Runge and Karnes City, the county seat; and

WHEREAS, Fertile agricultural lands support grain, wild game and cattle production; other major enterprises in the local economy include the oil and gas industry, fiberglass manufacturing and grain milling; and

WHEREAS, Karnes County's Polish, German, Mexican and Czech cultures have intermingled to create a unique environment in which to live and raise a family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend the citizens of Karnes County for their many contributions to our state and welcome them to the State Capitol for Karnes County Day; and, be it further

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

Zaffirini

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 14, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate