

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 232

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the representatives of Hidalgo County who are visiting the State Capitol in celebration of Hidalgo County Day; and

WHEREAS, The Hidalgo County delegation includes Judge J.D. Salinas III, County Commissioners Sylvia S. Handy, Hector "Tito" Palacios, Joe Flores, Oscar L. Garza, and other Hidalgo citizens who take great pride in their county and are committed to making it an even more prosperous region in the future; and

WHEREAS, The area that is Hidalgo County was colonized by the Spanish in the 18th century; land was parceled out, and ranches and communities began to form; La Habitación was one of the first settlements established north of the Rio Grande River; and

WHEREAS, The county was formed in 1852 and named for Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, the priest who gave the cry for Mexican independence from Spanish rule; and

WHEREAS, Chapin was established in 1908 and was soon made the county seat and renamed Edinburg; the city today is a center for many cultural activities and home to the Museum for South Texas History, which is known for its extensive collection of local historic artifacts; and

WHEREAS, The rich soil in Hidalgo County makes the land suitable for growing citrus fruits, cotton, corn, sugarcane, and grain; festivals are held throughout the year in tribute to local harvests, and Hidalgo County residents are joined by many visitors who enjoy such events as Citrus Fiesta, the Weslaco Sugarfest, and the Rio Grande Valley Stock Show; and

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County has a rich and colorful past, and Hidalgo County Day at the State Capitol is an excellent opportunity for the legislature to pay tribute to the county's unique history and qualities and its many contributions to the development of Texas; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby recognize February 14, 2007, as Hidalgo County Day at the State Capitol and extend best wishes for a memorable visit to all Hidalgo County residents who have come to celebrate their special day; and, be it further

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

Hinojosa, Lucio

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 14, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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