

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Citizens of Jim Wells County are assembling at the
2 State Capitol on February 12, 2009, to celebrate the importance of
3 their home to the history of the State of Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, The county has a landscape of sweeping grasslands
5 and wide horizons; its early inhabitants, the Chaguane and Payuguan
6 tribes, enjoyed the region's mild winters and abundant game; after
7 the first European settlement in 1754, at Penitas Creek, Mexican
8 ranchers developed land grants into sheep and cattle ranches; in
9 1848 the region became part of the State of Texas, and it was
10 formally incorporated as a county in 1911 and named after the
11 prominent politician James B. Wells, Jr.; and

12 WHEREAS, With the arrival of the railroad in the 1870s,
13 county seat Alice became the most important livestock shipment
14 junction in South Texas, and ranching has remained a mainstay of the
15 county's economy ever since; cotton and sorghum are important
16 crops, as are hay, corn, and wheat; since the discovery of oil in
17 1931, the county has become one of the leaders in oil production in
18 Texas; and

19 WHEREAS, The importance of Tejano culture to the county and
20 to all of Texas is honored by the Tejano Roots Hall of Fame in Alice,
21 recognizing the region as the birthplace of this popular musical
22 genre; South Texas culture is further showcased at the South Texas
23 Museum, housed in the historic McGill Brothers Building in Alice;
24 the annual Fiesta Bandana, celebrating Cinco de Mayo, is a

1 highlight of the county's cultural calendar; and

2 WHEREAS, The county is also the region's center for health
3 care, with two outstanding facilities, the CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital
4 Alice and the CHRISTUS Spohn Laviana Plaza; and

5 WHEREAS, The hardworking and forward-looking citizens of Jim
6 Wells County are building on a long tradition of progressive
7 development, and their industry, achievements, and public spirit
8 are indeed worthy of special recognition; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
10 Legislature hereby recognize February 12, 2009, as Jim Wells County
11 Day at the State Capitol and extend to its citizens sincere best
12 wishes for a memorable visit to Austin.

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Straus	Gattis	Menendez
Allen	Geren	Merritt
Alonzo	Giddings	Miklos
Alvarado	Gonzales	Miller of Comal
Anchia	Gonzalez Toureilles	Miller of Erath
Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
Berman	Hamilton	Naishtat
Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
Bonnen	Harless	Orr
Branch	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Kaufman	Hartnett	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Heflin	Parker
Burnam	Hernandez	Patrick
Button	Herrero	Paxton
Callegari	Hilderbran	Pena
Castro	Hochberg	Phillips
Chavez	Hodge	Pickett
Chisum	Homer	Pierson
Christian	Hopson	Pitts
Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Cook	Hughes	Riddle
Corte	Hunter	Rios Ybarra
Crabb	Isett	Ritter
Craddick	Jackson	Rodriguez
Creighton	Jones	Rose
Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
Darby	Kent	Shelton
Davis of Harris	King of Parker	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Taylor	Smith of Harris
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Smithee
Driver	Kleinschmidt	Solomons
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Laubenberg	Taylor
Edwards	Legler	Thibaut
Eiland	Leibowitz	Thompson
Eissler	Lewis	Truitt
Elkins	Lucio III	Turner of Tarrant
England	Madden	Turner of Harris
Farabee	Maldonado	Vaught
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Marquez	Villarreal
Fletcher	Martinez	Vo
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Walle
Flynn	McCall	Weber
Frost	McClendon	Woolley
Gallego	McReynolds	Zerwas

H.R. No. 370

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 370 was adopted by the House on
February 12, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House