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H.R. No. 512

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Many proud Northeast Texas residents are visiting  
2 Austin to celebrate Rains County Day at the State Capitol on  
3 February 24, 2009; and

4 WHEREAS, Rains County was created in the late 1800s from  
5 Hopkins, Hunt, and Wood Counties; the county and its seat, Emory,  
6 were named in honor of Emory Rains, an early pioneer who served in  
7 the Congress of the Republic of Texas; and

8 WHEREAS, Situated between Lake Tawakoni and Lake Fork  
9 Reservoir, this lovely area is blessed with an abundant water  
10 supply and fertile soil characteristic of the Blackland Prairie  
11 region; the county initially prospered as a thriving agricultural  
12 and ranching center and today enjoys a diverse economy that  
13 includes oil production, manufacturing, and tourism; and

14 WHEREAS, Emory, which was originally known as Springville, is  
15 now the largest town in Rains County with just over 1,000 people; it  
16 is home to the Rains County Fair Grounds and the annual Eagle Fest  
17 celebration held in February, when the county's lakes are the  
18 winter home of many American bald eagles and other rare birds; and

19 WHEREAS, The city of Point was incorporated in the 1960s and  
20 is recognized as the birthplace of the National Farmers Union, an  
21 organization that has grown to include more than 300,000 members;  
22 the 10 founding fathers of the NFU are memorialized by a historic  
23 monument in the city which incorporates a statue of the union's  
24 founder, Isaac Newton Gresham, and a display of the state flags of

1 the NFU's member states; and

2 WHEREAS, The county's youngest municipality, East Tawakoni,  
3 was incorporated in the 1960s and has experienced significant  
4 growth in recent years; this resort area offers residents the  
5 benefits of a relaxed rural community while providing easy access  
6 to Dallas; and

7 WHEREAS, Proof positive that good things do come in small  
8 packages, Rains County has indeed played a vital role in the  
9 development of the Lone Star State, and it is a pleasure to join  
10 with our fellow Texans in saluting the county and its fine citizens;  
11 now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
13 Legislature hereby recognize February 24, 2009, as Rains County Day  
14 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation from  
15 Rains County sincere best wishes for an informative and memorable  
16 stay in Austin.