

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A number of proud West Texas citizens are gathering  
2 in Austin on March 31, 2009, to celebrate Hudspeth County Day at the  
3 State Capitol; and

4           WHEREAS, Created out of El Paso County in 1917, Hudspeth  
5 County covers more than 4,500 square miles of the vast Chihuahuan  
6 Desert, and residents enjoy the area's great natural beauty,  
7 sweeping vistas, and friendly, close-knit communities; and

8           WHEREAS, Numerous archeological sites in the county attest to  
9 the presence of farmers and hunter-gatherers in prehistoric times,  
10 and missionaries and soldiers from northern New Spain traversed the  
11 area as early as 1581; in 1849, John S. "Rip" Ford and Major Robert  
12 S. Neighbors charted a trail that would be used by many adventurers  
13 on their way to the California gold fields; Fort Quitman was  
14 established in 1858 on the Rio Grande, in the southern part of the  
15 present-day county, to protect travelers and mail coaches en route  
16 between San Antonio and El Paso; and

17           WHEREAS, In 1881, the country's second transcontinental  
18 railroad was completed near what is now Sierra Blanca, and Jay Gould  
19 drove in a silver spike to mark the occasion; the town of Sierra  
20 Blanca quickly developed into a shipping point and commercial  
21 center, and when the county was organized it became the county seat;  
22 Dell City, in the north, and Fort Hancock, near the Rio Grande, are  
23 the two other largest communities; and

24           WHEREAS, The economy of Hudspeth County has been based

1 chiefly on ranching, farming, and mining, along with tourism and  
2 hunting leases; a section of the Guadalupe Mountains National Park,  
3 a popular destination for outdoors enthusiasts, is located within  
4 the county, as is part of the Sierra Diablo Wildlife Management  
5 Area, which is home to the largest population of free-ranging  
6 bighorn sheep in Texas; and

7         WHEREAS, Popular annual events include the Dell Valley  
8 Hudspeth County Fair and Wild West Chile Fest, held jointly in Dell  
9 City, the Dell City Junior Livestock Show, Halloween Parade, and  
10 July Fourth fireworks, and the Sierra Blanca livestock show and  
11 Fourth of July Fair; points of interest in Sierra Blanca include the  
12 old railroad depot, which now houses the Hudspeth County Museum,  
13 and the courthouse, which is the only such structure in Texas that  
14 is built of adobe; and

15         WHEREAS, The citizens of Hudspeth County share a deep  
16 appreciation for their beloved corner of the Lone Star State, and it  
17 is a pleasure to recognize their achievements and their public  
18 spirit; now, therefore, be it

19         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
20 Legislature hereby recognize March 31, 2009, as Hudspeth County Day  
21 at the State Capitol and extend to all those who have come to Austin  
22 sincere best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable visit.

Gallego

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	Peña
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. 1134

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1134 was adopted by the House on March 31, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House