

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 140

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the citizens of Victoria County who have come to the State Capitol to celebrate Victoria County Day; and

WHEREAS, Victoria County is located in southeastern Texas on the Coastal Plain; with its abundant natural grasslands and subtropical climate allowing for year-round grazing, the county became a leader in the development of the Texas cattle industry; and

WHEREAS, As knowledge about cultivating prairie soils grew, commercial farming of diverse crops developed in the area in the late 1890s, and the production of corn and cotton grew in importance; and

WHEREAS, The area was first colonized by Martin de Leon in 1824, with the establishment of the settlement named for the first president of Mexico, Don Guadalupe Victoria; Victoria County was one of the original 23 counties established by the First Congress of the Republic of Texas on March 17, 1836; and

WHEREAS, Located in the heart of the Golden Crescent, Victoria is the county's largest city and is the county seat; since its humble beginnings as a settlement in the early 1800s, the City of Victoria has grown to be home to over 85,000 residents; it is the cultural, historic, and economic hub for nearby communities and the surrounding counties; and

WHEREAS, Victoria County Day is an excellent opportunity for the legislature to pay tribute to the unique history and qualities of Victoria County and the many contributions it has made to our state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby extend a warm welcome to representatives from Victoria County and recognize February 11, 2009, as Victoria County Day at the State Capitol; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the citizens of Victoria County as an expression of highest regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 9, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate