

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 151

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the citizens and community leaders of Pecos County in celebrating Pecos County Day at the State Capitol on February 9, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1871, Pecos County covers an area of more than 4,700 square miles in southwest Texas and has some 17,000 residents; it is the second-largest county in the state and is named for the Pecos River, which flows along its northern boundary; and

WHEREAS, Pecos County's historical importance dates back into prehistory; archeological excavations at Squawteat Peak have revealed a large prehistoric camp with numerous artifacts and signs of human occupation, and archeological finds along Tunas Creek include a burial site, pictographs, and artifacts; and

WHEREAS, Traders on the Chihuahua Trail passed through the area by Comanche Springs about 1840; the first permanent settlement was Fort Stockton, a United States Army outpost established in 1859; the nearby town of St. Gall became a supply center for the army, mail stages, and wagon trains and was later renamed Fort Stockton and became the county seat; and

WHEREAS, Communities grew rapidly after the construction of the railroad across the county in 1913; irrigation projects boosted agricultural production, and hundreds of acres were planted with cotton and sorghum; since the discovery of oil in the Yates field in 1927, oil and gas production has dominated the

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local economy, but the county is also known for its production of sheep, goats, cattle, and hogs and the cultivation of onions, peppers, melons, and pecans; and

WHEREAS, Residents of Pecos County can take pride in the important contributions their county has made in the history and development of this state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby extend a warm welcome to the representatives from Pecos County and recognize February 9, 2009, as Pecos County Day at the State Capitol; and, be it further

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

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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