

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 189

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize February 11, 2009, as Bee County Day at the State Capitol and to welcome the citizens of Bee County who have traveled to Austin for this occasion; and

WHEREAS, Bee County covers over 800 square miles in the Rio Grande Plain of South Central Texas, an area known for its great people, its prime farmlands, its subtropical climate, and its mild winters and warm summers; and

WHEREAS, Bee County was created by an act of the Texas Legislature on December 8, 1857, from portions of San Patricio, Refugio, Goliad, Karnes, and Live Oak Counties; it was named for Colonel Bernard E. Bee, Sr., the father of then speaker of the House of Representatives General Hamilton P. Bee; and

WHEREAS, Beautiful Bee County offers its proud citizens a well-rounded community life, outstanding public schools, and a number of natural and cultural resources and historical sites that promote a climate for progress and achievement; Bee County is the home of Coastal Bend College, a two-year state college established in 1965 that provides vocational and academic courses leading to higher degrees with off-campus extension programs in three area counties; Bee County is also the home of Christus Spohn Hospital, a state-of-the-art health care institution with emergency services and intensive care, physical therapy resources, and complete surgical services; and

WHEREAS, Bee County Day at the Texas State Capitol provides an opportunity for friends and families to honor Bee County's history and to celebrate its assets and accomplishments, which are enjoyed today by residents and visitors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby join the citizens of this historic and vital region in paying tribute to their county and extend to them best wishes for an enjoyable Bee County Day at the State Capitol; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the residents of Bee County as a memento of this event.

Zaffirini

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 11, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate