

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 339

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the citizens of Val Verde County and Texans across the state in celebrating March 3, 2009, as Val Verde County Day at the State Capitol; and

**WHEREAS**, Situated in southwest Texas along the Mexican border, Val Verde County has been the site of human settlement for more than 6,000 years; early settlers were drawn by the numerous springs that flowed in the area and drained into the Pecos and Devils Rivers; and

**WHEREAS**, Val Verde County was organized in 1885 from territory from Crockett, Kinney, and Pecos Counties, and Del Rio became the county seat; in that same 1885 election, Roy Bean of Langtry was elected justice of the peace; he presided in a saloon and became known as the "Law West of the Pecos"; and

**WHEREAS**, Val Verde County is known for the Amistad Dam and Reservoir, a joint United States-Mexico project that provides flood control and power in addition to many recreational opportunities; international cooperation is celebrated in October each year at the Fiesta de Amistad, which is held in Del Rio and its sister city, Ciudad Acuña, Coahuila, Mexico, with a week of festivities and an international parade; and

**WHEREAS**, Another important feature of Val Verde County is Laughlin Air Force Base, home of the 47th Flying Training Wing of the Air Education and Training Command; the base sees more takeoffs and landings than any other airport in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, The citizens of Val Verde County are rightly proud of its distinguished history and the many contributions its people have made to the growth and progress of our state; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend the citizens of Val Verde County on their many contributions to our state and extend to them a sincere welcome to Austin as they celebrate Val Verde County Day at the State Capitol; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor 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 March 3, 2009.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate