

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 624

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the citizens of Ward County and Texans across the state in celebrating April 15, 2009, as Ward County Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Created by the Texas Legislature in 1887 from territory belonging to Tom Green County, Ward County has played an important role in our state's history; from the days of the Apache and Comanche tribes through the oil boom of the 1920s through its time as a final stop for American servicemen on their way to World War II battlefields, it has contributed greatly to our growth and legacy; and

WHEREAS, Ward County enjoyed a period of great agricultural production at the beginning of the 20th century, including the development of a new strain of alfalfa known as Barstow Common, which is still being planted today; grapes from Ward County won first prize at the 1904 World's Fair in Saint Louis; and

WHEREAS, The oil boom of the 1920s brought prosperity when the Hendrick oilfield was discovered; through the years, more than 668 million barrels have been produced in the county, and today, the Million Barrel Museum memorializes the history of Ward County at the site of a huge oil storage tank built in 1928; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of Ward County are justifiably proud of its illustrious history and of their many contributions to our state's progress and growth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend the citizens of Ward County on their many contributions to our state and extend to them best wishes for a memorable Ward County Day at the State Capitol; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the citizens of Ward County 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 April 15, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate