

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Proud citizens of Bosque County are gathering in  
2 Austin to celebrate Bosque County Day at the State Capitol on  
3 January 31, 2011; and

4           WHEREAS, Located in Central Texas 40 miles north of Waco, the  
5 county consists of both flat grasslands and limestone hills, with  
6 its namesake the Bosque River running north and south through the  
7 center of the region; the first permanent settlers arrived in 1849,  
8 and the town of Clifton soon formed on the banks of the river; the  
9 county was organized in 1854, with the town of Meridian founded to  
10 serve as the county seat, and that same decade Norwegian immigrants  
11 moved to the area; and

12           WHEREAS, Early residents made their living off the fertile  
13 land, ranching and growing cotton, wheat, and oats, and agriculture  
14 remains important to the county's economy today; in addition, it is  
15 supported by a variety of small industries and tourism; and

16           WHEREAS, Visitors and residents alike enjoy the fine  
17 opportunities for fishing, swimming, camping, and boating at Lake  
18 Whitney and scenic Meridian State Park, and Bosque Valley Golf Club  
19 is considered one of the best nine-hole courses in the state;  
20 moreover, people are drawn to shopping in Clifton, a Texas Main  
21 Street City, where three antique malls feature more than 100  
22 dealers; and

23           WHEREAS, Clifton also boasts an active arts community; the  
24 Bosque Arts Center is a vibrant cultural resource that hosts

1 classes and workshops and includes a permanent collection, while  
2 the Bosque Museum is home to the largest selection of Norwegian  
3 artifacts in the South and Southwest; Meridian, on the other hand,  
4 is known for its invitation-only National Championship Barbecue  
5 Cookoff; the county's Scandinavian heritage is celebrated annually  
6 with the Norwegian Smorgasbord in the Norse Historic District and  
7 with the Norwegian Country Christmas and Lutefisk Dinner; and

8       WHEREAS, The rich history and rural charm of Bosque County  
9 make it one of the treasures of the Lone Star State, and its  
10 residents may indeed take great pride in their contributions to the  
11 story of Texas; now, therefore, be it

12       RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas  
13 hereby recognize January 31, 2011, as Bosque County Day at the State  
14 Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes  
15 for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 41 was adopted by the House on January 31, 2011, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 41 was adopted by the Senate on January 31, 2011, by a viva-voce vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor