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H.C.R. No. 41

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.