

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Many proud Northeast Texas residents are visiting  
2 Austin to celebrate Rains County Day at the State Capitol on  
3 February 23, 2011; and

4           WHEREAS, Rains County was created in the late 1800s from  
5 Hopkins, Hunt, and Wood Counties; the county and its seat, Emory,  
6 were named in honor of Emory Rains, an early pioneer who served in  
7 the Congress of the Republic of Texas; and

8           WHEREAS, Situated between Lake Tawakoni and Lake Fork  
9 Reservoir, this lovely area is blessed with an abundant water  
10 supply and fertile soil characteristic of the Blackland Prairie  
11 region; the county initially prospered as a thriving agricultural  
12 and ranching center and today enjoys a diverse economy that  
13 includes oil production, manufacturing, and tourism; and

14           WHEREAS, Emory, which was originally known as Springville, is  
15 now the largest town in Rains County; it is home to the Rains County  
16 Fair Grounds and the annual Eagle Fest celebration held in  
17 February, when the county's lakes are the winter home of many  
18 American bald eagles and other rare birds; and

19           WHEREAS, The city of Point was incorporated in the 1960s and  
20 is recognized as the birthplace of the National Farmers Union, an  
21 organization that has grown to include more than 300,000 members;  
22 the 10 founding fathers of the NFU are memorialized by a historic  
23 monument in the city which incorporates a statue of the union's  
24 founder, Isaac Newton Gresham, and a display of the state flags of

1 the NFU's member states; and

2 WHEREAS, The county's youngest municipality, East Tawakoni,  
3 was incorporated in the 1960s and has experienced significant  
4 growth in recent years; this resort area offers residents the  
5 benefits of a relaxed rural community while providing easy access  
6 to Dallas; and

7 WHEREAS, Proof positive that good things do come in small  
8 packages, Rains County has indeed played a vital role in the  
9 development of the Lone Star State, and it is a pleasure to join  
10 with our fellow Texans in saluting the county and its fine citizens;  
11 now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
13 Legislature hereby recognize February 23, 2011, as Rains County Day  
14 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation from  
15 Rains County sincere best wishes for an informative and memorable  
16 stay in Austin.

Flynn

Straus	Gonzales of Williamson	Morrison
Aliseda	Gonzalez	Munoz, Jr.
Allen	Gooden	Murphy
Alonzo	Guillen	Naishtat
Alvarado	Gutierrez	Nash
Anchia	Hamilton	Oliveira
Anderson of Dallas	Hancock	Orr
Anderson of McLennan	Hardcastle	Otto
Aycock	Harless	Parker
Beck	Harper-Brown	Patrick
Berman	Hartnett	Paxton
Bohac	Hernandez Luna	Pena
Bonnen	Hilderbran	Perry
Branch	Hochberg	Phillips
Brown	Hopson	Pickett
Burkett	Howard of Fort Bend	Pitts
Burnam	Howard of Travis	Price
Button	Huberty	Quintanilla
Cain	Hughes	Raymond
Callegari	Hunter	Reynolds
Carter	Isaac	Riddle
Castro	Jackson	Ritter
Chisum	Johnson	Rodriguez
Christian	Keffer	Schwertner
Coleman	King of Parker	Scott
Cook	King of Taylor	Sheets
Craddick	King of Zavala	Sheffield
Creighton	Kleinschmidt	Shelton
Crownover	Kolkhorst	Simpson
Darby	Kuempel	Smith of Harris
Davis of Dallas	Landtroop	Smith of Tarrant
J. Davis of Harris	Larson	Smithee
S. Davis of Harris	Laubenberg	Solomons
Deshotel	Lavender	Strama
Driver	Legler	Taylor of Collin
Dukes	Lewis	Taylor of Galveston
Dutton	Lozano	Thompson
Eiland	Lucio III	Torres
Eissler	Lyne	Truitt
Elkins	Madden	Turner
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Margo	Villarreal
Fletcher	Marquez	Vo
Flynn	Martinez	Walle
Frullo	Martinez Fischer	Weber
Gallego	McClendon	White
Garza	Menendez	Woolley
Geren	Miles	Workman
Giddings	Miller of Comal	Zedler
Gonzales of Hidalgo	Miller of Erath	Zerwas

H.R. No. 155

---

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 155 was adopted by the House on February 23, 2011, by a non-record vote.

---

Chief Clerk of the House