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H.R. No. 332

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Citizens of Jim Wells County are assembling at the
2 State Capitol on February 10, 2011, to celebrate the importance of
3 their home to the history of the State of Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, A landscape of sweeping grasslands and wide
5 horizons, the county's early inhabitants, the Chaguane and Payuguan
6 tribes, enjoyed the region's mild winters and abundant game; after
7 the first European settlement in 1754, at Penitas Creek, Mexican
8 ranchers developed land grants into sheep and cattle ranches; in
9 1848 the region became part of the State of Texas, and it was
10 formally incorporated as a county in 1911 and named after the
11 prominent politician James B. Wells, Jr.; and

12 WHEREAS, With the arrival of the railroad in the 1870s,
13 county seat Alice became the most important livestock shipment
14 junction in South Texas, and ranching has remained a mainstay of the
15 county's economy ever since; cotton and sorghum are important
16 crops, as are hay, corn, and wheat; since the discovery of oil in
17 1931, the county has become one of the all-time leaders in oil
18 production in Texas; and

19 WHEREAS, The importance of Tejano culture to the county and
20 to all of Texas is honored by the Tejano Roots Hall of Fame in Alice,
21 recognizing the region as the birthplace of this popular musical
22 genre; South Texas culture is further showcased at the South Texas
23 Museum, housed in the historic McGill Brothers Building in Alice;
24 the annual Fiesta Bandana, celebrating Cinco de Mayo, is a

1 highlight of the county's cultural calendar; and

2 WHEREAS, The county is also the region's center for health
3 care, with an outstanding medical facility, the CHRISTUS Spohn
4 Hospital Alice; and

5 WHEREAS, The hardworking and forward-looking citizens of Jim
6 Wells County are building on a long tradition of progressive
7 development, and their industry, achievements, and public spirit
8 are indeed worthy of special recognition; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
10 Legislature hereby recognize February 10, 2011, as Jim Wells County
11 Day at the State Capitol and extend to its citizens sincere best
12 wishes for a memorable visit to Austin.