

By: King of Parker

H.R. No. 375

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Many proud residents of Parker County are traveling  
2 to Austin on March 22, 2011, in celebration of Parker County Day at  
3 the State Capitol, and their visit provides a fitting opportunity  
4 to reflect on the history and contributions of their fine  
5 community; and

6           WHEREAS, Established in 1855 from Bosque and Navarro  
7 Counties, Parker County is named for Isaac Parker, who brought 224  
8 settlers to the region in that same year; and

9           WHEREAS, The county's population and economy continued to  
10 expand during most of the late 19th century, spurred by the  
11 construction of three railroads in the area; over the decades,  
12 Parker County has undergone many changes and today benefits from a  
13 diverse market centered around commercial and agribusiness, with  
14 local farms and ranches raising beef cattle, dairy cows, and horses  
15 and growing pecans and peaches; and

16           WHEREAS, Located at the western edge of the Dallas-Fort Worth  
17 Metroplex, Parker County has experienced tremendous growth in  
18 recent years, as it offers an attractive rural setting among gently  
19 rolling plains, combined with close proximity to urban amenities;  
20 and

21           WHEREAS, Weatherford serves as the county seat and is the  
22 home to such notable attractions as the Doss Heritage and Culture  
23 Center, the Museum of the Americas, Chandor Gardens, and the Parker  
24 County Courthouse, which was recently restored to its original

1 splendor; other towns in the county include Aledo, Annetta, Cool,  
2 Springtown, Willow Park, and portions of Azle and Mineral Wells;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Area residents uphold the county's heritage with the  
5 annual Frontier Days each June and also enjoy the Parker County  
6 Peach Festival in July; and

7 WHEREAS, Residents of Parker County take great pride in the  
8 rich history of their county and, thanks to the efforts of their  
9 forward-thinking citizenry, they can look ahead to a bright and  
10 promising future as well; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
12 Legislature hereby recognize March 22, 2011, as Parker County Day  
13 at the State Capitol and extend sincere best wishes to all involved  
14 for an enjoyable stay in Austin.