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H.R. No. 522

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Citizens from Karnes County are gathering in Austin
2 for a special day at the State Capitol on March 16, 2011; and

3 WHEREAS, Located in the Rio Grande plain region, the county
4 was named for Henry Wax Karnes, a Texas revolutionary war hero, and
5 was officially organized on February 4, 1854, when the legislature
6 passed a measure recognizing its establishment; and

7 WHEREAS, Karnes County benefited from the arrival of the
8 railroads in the mid-1880s, and the improved access to markets
9 ushered in the diversified farming, livestock, and ranching economy
10 that has been important to the area ever since; and

11 WHEREAS, Today, the region's leading businesses include not
12 only agricultural operations but also oil and gas production,
13 uranium mining and milling, guar processing, and fiberglass
14 manufacturing; and

15 WHEREAS, Karnes County is home to Panna Maria, the nation's
16 oldest Polish settlement, and the ghost town of Helena, the former
17 county seat, which features a museum in the restored courthouse;
18 additional attractions in the area include the church of
19 Czestochowa and various annual community events, including the
20 Lonesome Dove Fest in Karnes City; Kenedy, Falls City, Gillett,
21 Hobson, and Runge are just a few of the unique towns that may be
22 found in the county; and

23 WHEREAS, Residents of Karnes County are preserving the
24 character and history of their unique region while working to build

1 a prosperous future, and they are indeed deserving of recognition
2 for their contributions to the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be
3 it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
5 Legislature hereby recognize March 16, 2011, as Karnes County Day
6 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
7 best wishes for an enjoyable day in Austin.