

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Many proud residents of Bee County are gathering at  
2 the State Capitol to celebrate Bee County Day on March 17, 2011; and

3           WHEREAS, Officially organized on January 25, 1858, Bee County  
4 was named for Barnard E. Bee, Sr., a South Carolina attorney,  
5 soldier, and statesman who joined the Army of the Republic of Texas  
6 and served as secretary of war under Sam Houston; recovered  
7 artifacts indicate that the area was originally inhabited 6,000 to  
8 10,000 years ago; the first permanent European settlers arrived in  
9 the early 19th century, and 11 Bee County landowners were among the  
10 signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence; and

11           WHEREAS, Located in the South Texas Plains vegetation region,  
12 Bee County covers 866 square miles that slope gently toward the Gulf  
13 Coast; with the region's open expanses of grasslands, the local  
14 economy is dominated by farming and ranching but also welcomes oil  
15 and gas extraction and agribusiness; in 1954, the first U.S. Navy  
16 all-jet base opened at the Naval Auxiliary Air Station in Beeville,  
17 the county seat, and still contributes a significant amount to the  
18 region's economy; other towns in the county include Skidmore, Blue  
19 Berry Hill, Pettus, Tuleta, Tynan, Pawnee, Normanna, and Mineral;  
20 and

21           WHEREAS, Bee County is blessed with an array of cultural and  
22 historical attractions for residents and visitors to explore; art  
23 enthusiasts may delight in the educational programs and exhibits of  
24 the Beeville Art Museum, which is funded by the Joe Barnhart

1 Foundation and housed in the historic Esther Barnhart House; in  
2 addition, Beeville has successfully revitalized its downtown  
3 district and has been named a Texas Main Street City by the Texas  
4 Historical Commission; Coastal Bend College--Beeville offers  
5 occupational as well as academic classes for its students and has  
6 one of the only public, fully functioning glassblowing facilities  
7 in the state; and

8 WHEREAS, The residents of Bee County may take great pride in  
9 their heritage and contributions to the Lone Star State, and it is a  
10 pleasure to pay tribute to the county and its citizens on this  
11 special day; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
13 Legislature hereby recognize March 17, 2011, as Bee County Day at  
14 the State Capitol and extend to those visiting today sincere best  
15 wishes for an enjoyable stay in Austin.

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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. 527

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 527 was adopted by the House on March 17, 2011, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House