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H.R. No. 762

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of the State of Texas
2 is pleased to join the residents of Crockett County in celebrating
3 Crockett County Day at the Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Located in the Edwards Plateau region of Southwest
5 Texas, Crockett County is bounded on the west by the Pecos River and
6 on the south by Val Verde County; the terrain consists of
7 steep-walled canyons and flat mesas, with broad valleys and flat
8 divides characterizing the northern portion of the county; and

9 WHEREAS, The first Europeans to explore what is now Crockett
10 County were the Spanish, who arrived in the area in 1590; in the
11 1600s, Indian tribes such as the Lipan Apaches and Tonkawas lived in
12 the region but were later displaced by the Comanches; and

13 WHEREAS, Crockett County was created in 1875 and Named for
14 Texas Revolution hero Davy Crockett; it was formed from Bexar
15 County but remained attached to Kinney County for judicial
16 purposes; the county was reduced to its present size in 1887 and was
17 organized on July 7, 1891; Ozona was named the county seat; from its
18 earliest settlement, the economy in the county was dependent on
19 sheep and cattle ranching; and

20 WHEREAS, In 1920, the county's population was 1,500; by that
21 time, sheep far outnumbered all other livestock; in 1925, oil was
22 discovered, and exploration in the 1930s and 1940s brought
23 rewarding oil and gas production in several fields; mineral
24 production brought a rise in population, and money eased the lives

1 of ranchers; in the early 1990s, ranching remained a strong
2 economic resource, supported by oil and gas, and today hunting
3 leases and tourism contribute to the economy; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives of the State of
5 Texas, 82nd legislature, hereby express appreciation to the people
6 of Crockett County for their contributions to our state and extend
7 best wishes to them as they celebrate Crockett County Day at the
8 Capitol; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be prepared for the
10 residents of Crockett County.