

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, On March 31, 2011, proud residents of Reeves County  
2 are gathering at the State Capitol to celebrate their county's  
3 achievements; and

4           WHEREAS, Habitation of Reeves County began in prehistoric  
5 times, with the earliest residents dwelling in rock shelters and  
6 caves in the Barilla Hills, where artifacts and pictographs provide  
7 clues to their way of life; by the time Spanish explorer Antonio de  
8 Espejo visited the region in 1583, the Jumano Indians had  
9 established irrigated crops of corn and peaches, and farmers of  
10 Mexican descent later prospered in the fertile Madera Valley; the  
11 first Anglo farmers arrived in Toyah Valley in the early 1870s; and

12           WHEREAS, Bringing a new era, the Texas and Pacific Railway  
13 arrived in 1881; the county was organized three years later and  
14 named after George R. Reeves, a state legislator and colonel in the  
15 Confederate army; Pecos, the county seat, attracted colorful  
16 characters as a crossroads for cattle trails and the railroad, and  
17 its frontier days saw several infamous gunfights; a roping and  
18 riding competition staged on the Fourth of July in 1883 established  
19 a robust rodeo tradition perpetuated with the annual West of the  
20 Pecos Rodeo, which is marking its 129th anniversary in June; and

21           WHEREAS, Ranching and farming remain vibrant components of  
22 the Reeves County economy; the alkaline soil and optimal growing  
23 conditions produce the Pecos cantaloupe, known nationwide for its  
24 flavor, as well as cotton, pecans, pistachios, and other crops; oil

1 and natural gas represent another aspect of the economy, while  
2 tourists are drawn by the scenery, including such spots as the  
3 spring-fed pool at Balmorhea State Park, and by the West of the  
4 Pecos Museum, which offers the unique opportunity to explore the  
5 rooms of a historic hotel and saloon; and

6 WHEREAS, Rich in Western heritage and natural beauty, Reeves  
7 County can boast of many distinctive features, and its citizens may  
8 take justifiable pride in the important role their unique region  
9 continues to play in the story of the Lone Star State; now,  
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
12 Legislature hereby recognize March 31, 2011, as Reeves County Day  
13 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere  
14 best wishes for a memorable and productive 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. 1119

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1119 was adopted by the House on April 14, 2011, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House