

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Citizens of Loving County are assembling at the
2 State Capitol on March 31, 2011, to celebrate the importance of
3 their home to the history of the Lone Star State; and

4 WHEREAS, The geographically smallest county in the Permian
5 Basin, Loving County lies to the east of the Pecos River in the
6 Chihuahuan Desert along the Texas-New Mexico border; its 671 square
7 miles of plains and rolling hills were carved out of Tom Green
8 County in 1887 and named in honor of Oliver Loving, an early Texas
9 cattleman; organized in 1893, the county was deorganized by the
10 state legislature four years later and attached to Reeves County;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, In 1931, Loving County became the only Texas county
13 to be organized twice; its fortunes had risen with the discovery of
14 oil in the 1920s and the founding of the town of Ramsey; new
15 residents came to the community from the nearby settlement of
16 Porterville and beyond; as the county seat, Ramsey was soon given
17 the name of Mentone, which originally designated the old, abandoned
18 county seat 12 miles to the north; the historic Loving County
19 Courthouse was built in Mentone in 1936; and

20 WHEREAS, Cattle ranching has remained an important part of
21 the county's economy since the 1800s, but oil and gas production are
22 the primary industry; Mentone, the only town, serves as a supply
23 center for neighboring oil fields; its population of about a dozen
24 is roughly the same as when the county was first founded, and Loving

1 County, with 82 people, ranks as the least populated in the nation;
2 the wide-open spaces of Western songs are no mere memory here, and
3 the abundant wildlife includes quail, deer, javelinas, bobcats,
4 coyotes, and armadillos; and

5 WHEREAS, Loving County retains the rugged beauty and ranching
6 traditions of our state's pioneer days, and its residents can
7 indeed take pride in the uniqueness of their county and its
8 heritage; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
10 Legislature hereby recognize March 31, 2011, as Loving County Day
11 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
12 best wishes for a meaningful and memorable 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. 1120

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1120 was adopted by the House on April 14, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House