

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 144

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Andrews County and Texans across the state in celebrating February 1, 2011, as Andrews County Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Situated on the high plains of the Permian Basin, Andrews County was established in 1876 and is named for Richard Andrews, the first man to die in the Texas War for Independence in 1835; and

WHEREAS, Andrews County has long been a leader in the ranching industry in Texas, and with the advent of the widespread use of windmills, the county became an important source of cotton and sorghum; it experienced an impressive oil boom during the 1940s and remains one of the state's leading producers of oil and gas, providing more than two billion barrels of oil since 1929; and

WHEREAS, The Andrews Independent School District is noted for academic excellence, with its teams having earned top honors at numerous University Interscholastic League academic competitions; and

WHEREAS, The people of Andrews County enjoy an abundance of recreational opportunities, including the Andrews County Golf Course and many exemplary area parks; the county boasts two annual bluegrass festivals, and the Andrews Art Guild Show provides a forum for artists to display their works; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend the citizens of Andrews County on their many contributions to the rich history of our state and extend to them best wishes for a memorable Andrews County Day at the State Capitol; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this special day.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 1, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate