

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 340

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the citizens of Val Verde County and Texans across the state in celebrating Val Verde County Day at the Capitol; and

**WHEREAS**, The site of human settlement for more than 6,000 years, Val Verde County is situated in southwest Texas along the Mexican border; early settlers were drawn by the numerous springs that flowed in the area and drained into the Pecos and Devils Rivers; and

**WHEREAS**, Val Verde County was organized in 1885 out of territory carved from Crockett, Kinney, and Pecos Counties; that same year, Roy Bean of Langtry was elected justice of the peace; he presided in a saloon and became known as the "Law West of the Pecos"; Del Rio became the county seat; and

**WHEREAS**, The county's Amistad Dam and Reservoir is a joint United States-Mexico project that provides flood control and power, as well as many recreational opportunities; each year in October, international cooperation is celebrated at the Fiesta de Amistad; the celebration includes an international parade and a week of festivities that are held in Del Rio and its sister city, Ciudad Acuña, Coahuila, Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, Laughlin Air Force Base, home of the 47th Flying Training Wing of the Air Education and Training Command, is another important feature of Val Verde County; the base has more takeoffs and landings than any other airport in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, Val Verde County Day at the Capitol is an opportunity for its citizens to celebrate its distinguished history and the many contributions its people have made to the growth and progress of our state; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby express appreciation to the citizens of Val Verde County on their many contributions to our state and extend to them a sincere welcome to Austin as they celebrate Val Verde County Day at the Capitol; and, be it further

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

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 28, 2011.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate