

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 452

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the residents of Crockett County in celebrating Crockett County Day at the Capitol; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, In 1920, the county's population was 1,500; by that time, sheep far outnumbered all other livestock; in 1925, oil was discovered, and exploration in the 1930s and 1940s brought rewarding oil and gas production in several fields; mineral production brought a rise in population, and money eased the lives of ranchers; in the early 1990s, ranching remained a strong economic resource, supported by oil and gas, and today, hunting leases and tourism contribute to the economy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby express appreciation to the people of Crockett County for their contributions to our state and extend best wishes to them as they celebrate Crockett County Day at the Capitol; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the residents of Crockett County.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 8, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate