

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 511

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the residents of Jim Wells County in celebrating the county's 100th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Jim Wells County was created on March 11, 1911, when Governor Oscar Branch Colquitt signed legislation that carved the territory out of a part of Nueces County; the county was named after prominent Brownsville attorney James Babbage Wells, Jr.; the city of Alice became the county seat; and

WHEREAS, In the county's early years, cattle raising was the primary economic activity; since the introduction of diversified farming, the production of sorghum and cotton has been the mainstay of the county's agricultural economy; and

WHEREAS, After oil was discovered in the county in 1931, oil and natural gas production became a leading industry; among Texas counties, Jim Wells County is one of the all-time leaders in oil production; and

WHEREAS, The citizens and leaders of Jim Wells County are focused on fostering economic growth in the region and on encouraging the enrichment of its educational systems; and

WHEREAS, The county offers attractive scenery and recreational opportunities, and its 100th anniversary is an appropriate time for its residents to come together and celebrate the county's many assets; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby extend best wishes to the citizens of Jim Wells County on the occasion of the county's 100th anniversary, on March 11, 2011; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of Jim Wells County.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 15, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate