

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 534

WHEREAS, Citizens from Karnes County are gathering in Austin for a special day at the State Capitol on March 16, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Located in the Rio Grande plain region, the county was named for Henry Wax Karnes, a Texas revolutionary war hero, and was officially organized on February 4, 1854, when the legislature passed a measure recognizing its establishment; and

WHEREAS, Karnes County benefited from the arrival of the railroads in the mid-1880s, and the improved access to markets ushered in the diversified farming, livestock, and ranching economy that has been important to the area ever since; and

WHEREAS, Today, the region's leading businesses include not only agricultural operations but also oil and gas production, uranium mining and milling, guar processing, and fiberglass manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, Karnes County is home to Panna Maria, the nation's oldest Polish settlement, and the ghost town of Helena, the former county seat, which features a museum in the restored courthouse; additional attractions in the area include the church of Czestochowa and various annual community events, including the Lonesome Dove Fest in Karnes City; Kenedy, Falls City, Gillett, Hobson, and Runge are just a few of the unique towns that may be found in the county; and

WHEREAS, Residents of Karnes County are preserving the character and history of their unique region while working to build a prosperous future, and they are indeed deserving of recognition for their contributions to the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby recognize March 16, 2011, as Karnes County Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes for an enjoyable day in Austin; and, be it further

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

Zaffirini

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on March 16, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate