

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 657

WHEREAS, On April 6, 2011, residents from across Atascosa County are traveling to the State Capitol to celebrate their community's heritage and to share with fellow Texans their history, traditions, and achievements; and

WHEREAS, The name Atascosa, derived from the Spanish word for boggy terrain, was used to describe the area as early as 1788; during the first part of the 19th century, this grassy prairie region of South Texas attracted Spanish, Mexican, and Anglo-American settlers, and by the time of the Texas Revolution, its ranching industry was flourishing; and

WHEREAS, In 1856, the region was sufficiently populated to be sectioned off from Bexar County; the county seat, originally at Navatasco, was later permanently moved to the centrally located town of Jourdanton; and

WHEREAS, Situated near the famous Camino Real, the county has long benefited from its proximity to major transportation arteries linking it with the Gulf Coast, the Rio Grande Valley, and Mexico, as well as other major population centers; and

WHEREAS, Atascosa County enjoys the economic benefits reaped by an abundance of natural resources and, blessed with productive range and irrigated farmland, the area is known for its agricultural industries; and

WHEREAS, Proud of its ranching heritage, Pleasanton, the county's trading center, bills itself as the birthplace of the cowboy, a designation symbolized by a large bronze statue in front of city hall; in nearby Poteet, known to many as the Strawberry Capital of the World, a seven-foot, 1,600-pound

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monument to the fruit graces the front lawn of city hall, and a Strawberry Festival, the fourth-largest agricultural festival in the state, takes place in April; and

WHEREAS, Other resources such as oil and gas also play a significant role in the county's ongoing development, but the most important asset in the area's increasingly diverse economy is undoubtedly its industrious citizenry; and

WHEREAS, The residents of Atascosa County have made many notable contributions to the economy and culture of Texas, and they may take justifiable pride in the place that they call home; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby recognize April 6, 2011, as Atascosa County Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to all visitors from that fine county; 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 30, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate