

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 665

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

**WHEREAS**, Located in the scenic Trans-Pecos region of West Texas, Reeves County is named for former state legislator and Confederate Army Colonel George R. Reeves; and

**WHEREAS**, The Reeves County area has been inhabited for many centuries; archaeological artifacts and pictographs found in and around rock shelters and caves attest to the presence of prehistoric people, and early Spanish explorers were guided by Jumano Indians who grew crops in the region; settlers of Mexican descent have long farmed the fertile Madera Valley, and the abundance of open rangeland, along with the arrival of the railroad, attracted white settlers in the late 19th century; and

**WHEREAS**, Farming and ranching have continued to serve as a major factor in the county's economy; the discovery of natural gas in the 1950s and the presence of significant oil reserves have helped add to its economic prosperity and well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, Reeves County is home to such attractions as the West of the Pecos Museum in the county seat of Pecos and the Balmorhea State Recreation Area and Lake, as well as numerous festivals and events that are held throughout the year, and the county's citizens are confidently facing the future while continuing to embrace their rich and colorful past; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby extend to the delegation from Reeves County a warm welcome and best wishes for a memorable Reeves County Day at the State Capitol; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the county as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 30, 2011.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate