

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 667

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

**WHEREAS**, Located along the southwestern edge of the High Plains, Ward County was established by the Texas Legislature in 1887 out of territory from Tom Green County and named for Thomas W. Ward; and

**WHEREAS**, The citizens of Ward County have been witness to many of our state's defining moments; the oil boom of the 1920s and 1930s played a vital role in the county's history; farmers from the county have established themselves as innovators, developing a strain of alfalfa known as Barstow Common that is still being planted today, and grapes from Ward County earned first prize at the 1904 World's Fair in Saint Louis; and

**WHEREAS**, Ward County offers a wide variety of attractions for residents and visitors alike, including the Monahans Sandhills State Historic Park and the Million Barrel Museum, which commemorates the important role that petroleum has played in the county and in our state's history; and

**WHEREAS**, The people of Ward County 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 commend the citizens of Ward County for their many contributions to the prosperity and progress of our state and extend to them best wishes for a memorable Ward County Day at the State Capitol; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for them 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