

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 706

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the citizens of Kinney County who have come to Austin to celebrate Kinney County Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Kinney County encompasses 1,359 square miles and is situated in southwest Texas partly on the Edwards Plateau and partly on the plain of the Rio Grande, which forms its southwestern boundary; and

WHEREAS, The state legislature authorized the formation of Kinney County from Bexar County in 1850, but the sparsely populated county did not have enough residents to be formally organized until 1874; Brackettville was named the county seat in 1876; and

WHEREAS, Artifacts indicate that the area was first inhabited 6,000 to 10,000 years ago; later, numerous Indian tribes lived in the region, which did not begin to lose its frontier character until after the Civil War, with the establishment of the county's first school, post office, and church in the 1870s; and

WHEREAS, The area has been used primarily for ranching, particularly the raising of cattle, sheep, and Angora goats; the coming of the railroads in the 1880s gave the wool and mohair industry greater access to markets and helped bring in many new settlers; and

WHEREAS, Over the last few years, agribusiness and tourism have been the leading industries in the county; its many tourist attractions include Kickapoo Cavern State Park, Alamo Village, Las Moras Park, the Nueces River Canyon, Anacacho Game Preserve, the Seminole Indian Scout Burial Ground, and Fort Clark; and

WHEREAS, Kinney County Day at the State Capitol provides an opportunity to honor the county's historic past and its contributions to the development of Texas; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby welcome the citizens of Kinney County to the State Capitol on Kinney County Day and extend to them best wishes for an enjoyable visit; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as an expression of high regard 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 April 5, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate