

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Residents of Panola County are gathering in Austin  
2 on February 19, 2013, to celebrate Panola County Day at the State  
3 Capitol; and

4           WHEREAS, Located in northeastern Texas and forming part of  
5 the state's border with Louisiana, Panola County covers more than  
6 800 square miles of forests and rolling plains and is traversed by  
7 the Sabine River; the area experienced a land rush in the 1830s as  
8 settlers arrived from the southern United States; on March 30,  
9 1846, the Texas Legislature officially created Panola County, and  
10 two years later, voters chose Carthage as the county seat; and

11           WHEREAS, It is believed that Judge John Allison, a prominent  
12 civic leader, suggested the name Panola, which may be derived from  
13 the Cherokee word for cotton, *ponolo*; the area's rich soil was well  
14 suited to the crop, and cotton became the county's main  
15 agricultural product; today, Panola County enjoys a diversified  
16 economy, primarily based in oil and gas production, agriculture,  
17 food processing, and timber; the lush forests also make the county a  
18 popular destination for hiking, birding, and camping enthusiasts,  
19 while anglers enjoy the good fishing waters of Martin Creek Lake and  
20 Murvaul Lake; and

21           WHEREAS, Home to nearly 50 Texas Historical Commission  
22 markers, Panola County was the birthplace of several notable  
23 Texans, including Margie Elizabeth Neal, the first woman elected to  
24 serve in the Texas Senate, and country music stars Tex Ritter and

1 Jim Reeves; a museum dedicated to Mr. Ritter and a memorial devoted  
2 to Mr. Reeves are located in Carthage, as is the Texas Country Music  
3 Hall of Fame, which honors the legacies of both of these men, along  
4 with other country music legends from the state; and

5 WHEREAS, Carthage, which was named a National Main Street  
6 City in Texas in 2011, is also home to the historic Esquire Theater,  
7 which plays host to the Country Music Hayride every Saturday night;  
8 other popular events taking place in the county seat include the  
9 Piney Woods Quilt Festival in April and the East Texas Oil and Gas  
10 Blast in October, which features live music, a car show, and arts  
11 and crafts; the Footprints in the Sand monument, a poignant  
12 religious sculpture, is expected to be completed in the fall of  
13 2013; and

14 WHEREAS, The citizens of Panola County have long made an  
15 important contribution to the Lone Star State, and it is most  
16 fitting that they be honored on this special day; now, therefore, be  
17 it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
19 Legislature hereby recognize February 19, 2013, as Panola County  
20 Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation  
21 sincere best wishes for a memorable and meaningful visit to Austin.

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Straus	M. Gonzalez of El Paso	Oliveira
Allen	N. Gonzalez of El Paso	Orr
Alonzo	Gooden	Otto
Alvarado	Guerra	Paddie
Anchia	Guillen	Parker
Anderson	Gutierrez	Patrick
Ashby	Harless	Perez
Aycock	Harper-Brown	Perry
Bell	Hernandez Luna	Phillips
Bohac	Herrero	Pickett
Bonnen of Brazoria	Hilderbran	Pitts
Bonnen of Galveston	Howard	Price
Branch	Huberty	Raney
Burkett	Hughes	Ratliff
Burnam	Hunter	Raymond
Button	Isaac	Reynolds
Callegari	Johnson	Riddle
Canales	Kacal	Ritter
Capriglione	Keffer	Rodriguez of Bexar
Carter	King of Hemphill	Rodriguez of Travis
Clardy	King of Parker	Rose
Coleman	King of Taylor	Sanford
Collier	King of Zavala	Schaefer
Cook	Kleinschmidt	Sheets
Cortez	Klick	Sheffield of Bell
Craddick	Kolkhorst	Sheffield of Coryell
Creighton	Krause	Simmons
Crownover	Kuempel	Simpson
Dale	Larson	Smith
Darby	Laubenberg	Smithee
Davis of Dallas	Lavender	Springer
J. Davis of Harris	Leach	Stephenson
S. Davis of Harris	Lewis	Stickland
Deshotel	Longoria	Strama
Dukes	Lozano	Taylor
Dutton	Lucio III	Thompson of Brazoria
Eiland	Marquez	Thompson of Harris
Elkins	Martinez	Toth
Fallon	Martinez Fischer	Turner of Collin
Farias	McClendon	Turner of Harris
Farney	Menendez	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miles	Villalba
Fletcher	Miller of Comal	Villarreal
Flynn	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Frank	Moody	Walle
Frullo	Morrison	White
Geren	Munoz, Jr.	Workman
Giddings	Murphy	Wu
Goldman	Naishtat	Zedler
Gonzales	Nevarez	Zerwas

H.R. No. 189

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 189 was adopted by the House on February 19, 2013, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House