

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Proud citizens of Rusk County are assembling at the  
2 Texas State Capitol to celebrate Rusk County Days on April 2 and 3,  
3 2013; and

4           WHEREAS, A picturesque region of rolling hills in the Piney  
5 Woods of East Texas, Rusk County was first occupied by the Caddo and  
6 the Cherokee tribes; the first European settlers arrived in the  
7 1830s, and on January 16, 1843, the county was formed by act of the  
8 Congress of the Republic of Texas and named after Thomas Jefferson  
9 Rusk, secretary of war under Texas President Sam Houston; and

10           WHEREAS, For many years, the county's economy was based on  
11 cotton and other agriculture, but on October 3, 1930, Columbus  
12 Marion "Dad" Joiner struck oil at his famous Daisy Bradford #3 well,  
13 opening up the East Texas oil field, which at the time was the  
14 largest oil field in the world; three years later, Rusk County was  
15 producing over 200 million barrels of petroleum a year, turning  
16 county seat Henderson from a sleepy village to a bustling boomtown;  
17 and

18           WHEREAS, Oil and agriculture continue to be mainstays of the  
19 county's economy, along with natural gas, timber, and the mining of  
20 lignite coal; in addition, Rusk County's bricks, made from the  
21 region's unique clay soil, are highly prized; the county economy is  
22 further bolstered by two correctional institutions, including the  
23 Bradshaw State Jail in Henderson; and

24           WHEREAS, Only two miles from "Dad" Joiner's original well,

1 the Gaston Museum in Joinerville commemorates the history of the  
2 East Texas oil field; in Henderson, the Depot Museum, a beautifully  
3 restored Missouri Pacific railway depot from 1901, hosts the annual  
4 Heritage Syrup Festival every November; recreational opportunities  
5 abound in the county's parks, including Martin Creek Lake State  
6 Park, which offers swimming, boating, fishing, waterskiing, and  
7 other activities; and

8 WHEREAS, Honoring their heritage as they embrace the  
9 opportunities of the future, the citizens of Rusk County may take  
10 great pride in the role their communities have played in the story  
11 of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
13 Legislature hereby recognize April 2 and 3, 2013, as Rusk County  
14 Days at the State Capitol and extend to the county's visiting  
15 citizens a warm welcome and best wishes for an enjoyable stay in  
16 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. 250

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 250 was adopted by the House on February 18, 2013, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House