

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Citizens of Jim Wells County are assembling at the
2 State Capitol on February 12, 2013, to celebrate the importance of
3 their home to the history of the State of Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, In a landscape of sweeping grasslands and wide
5 horizons, the county's early inhabitants, the Chaguane and Payuguan
6 tribes, enjoyed the region's mild winters and abundant game; after
7 the first European settlement in 1754, at Penitas Creek, Mexican
8 ranchers developed land grants into sheep and cattle ranches; in
9 1848 the region became part of the State of Texas, and it was
10 formally incorporated as a county in 1911 and named after the
11 prominent politician James B. Wells, Jr.; and

12 WHEREAS, With the arrival of the railroad in the 1870s,
13 county seat Alice became the most important livestock shipment
14 junction in South Texas, and ranching has remained a mainstay of the
15 county's economy ever since; cotton and sorghum are important
16 crops, as are hay, corn, and wheat; it is a center for health care,
17 with an outstanding medical facility, the CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital
18 Alice, and since the discovery of oil in 1931, it has become one of
19 the state's leaders in oil production; and

20 WHEREAS, The Tejano R.O.O.T.S. Hall of Fame in Alice honors
21 Tejano culture and recognizes the region as the birthplace of this
22 popular musical genre; area culture is further showcased at the
23 South Texas Museum, housed in the historic McGill Brothers Building
24 in Alice, and the annual Fiesta Bandana, celebrating Cinco de Mayo,

1 is a highlight of the county's cultural calendar; and

2 WHEREAS, The hardworking and forward-looking citizens of Jim
3 Wells County are building on a long tradition of industry,
4 achievements, and public spirit, and they are indeed worthy of
5 special recognition; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
7 Legislature hereby recognize February 12, 2013, as Jim Wells County
8 Day at the State Capitol and extend to its citizens sincere best
9 wishes for a memorable 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. 259

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 259 was adopted by the House on February 12, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House