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H.R. No. 262

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud community members from eastern Hidalgo County
2 are gathering in Austin on January 31, 2013, to celebrate
3 Edcouch-Elsa Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, The two communities are both situated in the Delta
5 Area of the Lower Rio Grande Valley; Elsa was established in 1927,
6 when William George convinced operators of the Texas and New
7 Orleans Railroad to lay tracks across his land; he laid out a town
8 site next to the tracks and named the new community after his wife;
9 that same year, banker and landowner Edward Couch platted a town on
10 property two miles to the east of Elsa; Edcouch and Elsa were
11 incorporated in 1933 and 1940, respectively, and their populations
12 grew steadily in the decades leading into the 21st century; and

13 WHEREAS, In recent years, the Delta Area has enjoyed
14 increased economic development, and it benefits from the efforts of
15 the Edcouch-Elsa La Villa Chamber of Commerce to support local
16 businesses; adding to the quality of life in Edcouch and Elsa are a
17 new library, a number of local civic groups, and a variety of
18 special events sponsored by those organizations; and

19 WHEREAS, Students in these communities are served by the
20 Edcouch-Elsa Independent School District, which encompasses a high
21 school, a junior high school, a middle school for fifth- and
22 sixth-grade students, four elementary schools, and an early
23 childhood center; in addition, the district is partnered with such
24 organizations as the Llano Grande Center for Research and

1 Development, a college readiness program that promotes leadership
2 and critical thinking skills by engaging students in community
3 projects; and

4 WHEREAS, Joining together to celebrate their rich heritage,
5 the hardworking and industrious residents of Edcouch and Elsa may
6 reflect with pride on the many contributions they have made toward
7 building a bright future for their families and their communities;
8 now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
10 Legislature hereby recognize January 31, 2013, as Edcouch-Elsa Day
11 at the State Capitol and extend to all those in attendance sincere
12 best wishes for an enjoyable visit to Austin.