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H.R. No. 269

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Citizens of Corsicana and Navarro County are
2 gathering together in Austin on February 19, 2013, to celebrate
3 Corsicana/Navarro County Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, A rich and fertile region, Navarro County is located
5 in north central Texas and bordered on the northeast by the Trinity
6 River; the first Anglo-American settlers arrived in the 1830s, and
7 in 1846, residents were granted permission to create a new county,
8 which was named in honor of Texas patriot Jose Antonio Navarro; and

9 WHEREAS, Two years later, the county seat was established
10 halfway between the communities of Porter's Bluff and Dresden, and
11 Navarro himself chose the name Corsicana to honor the island of his
12 father's birth; the arrival of the Houston and Texas Central
13 Railroad in 1871 prompted rapid commercial development and
14 expansion for the town; and

15 WHEREAS, Searching for additional water to supply the growing
16 population, drillers instead happened upon large pockets of gas and
17 oil, the first such major discovery west of the Mississippi; the oil
18 boom brought even more prosperity to the city, and the industry
19 continues to be an important source of jobs for the community; and

20 WHEREAS, In addition to its abundant natural resources, the
21 county's diverse economy now includes manufacturing, distribution,
22 and agribusiness, especially the production of cattle, cotton,
23 sorghum, corn, and wheat; and

24 WHEREAS, Since 1896, Corsicana has been the proud home of the

1 world famous Collin Street Bakery, which ships its fruitcakes
2 around the globe; known for its pecans, the city boasts what is
3 thought to be the largest pecan-shelling facility in the world, the
4 Navarro Pecan Company, as well as a Russell Stover candy factory;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Tourists have many opportunities to explore the
7 region's unique history; popular attractions include the Glenn
8 Cumbie Museum of Aviation and Military History, which is located on
9 former World War II training fields, the Pearce Museum, which
10 features interactive Civil War exhibitions and western art, and
11 Pioneer Village; and

12 WHEREAS, The county also offers a wide range of outdoor
13 activities for people of all ages; the proximity of
14 Richland-Chambers Reservoir, Navarro Mills Lake, and Lake Halbert
15 provides ample opportunities for recreational activities such as
16 boating, fishing, and waterskiing; and

17 WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich history as they look forward
18 to a bright future, the residents of Corsicana and Navarro County
19 are justifiably proud of their heritage, and their county's many
20 ongoing contributions to the Lone Star State are indeed deserving
21 of special honor; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
23 Legislature hereby recognize February 19, 2013, as
24 Corsicana/Navarro County Day at the State Capitol and extend to the
25 visiting delegation best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay
26 in Austin.