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H.R. No. 281

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Rio Grande City are gathering in  
2 Austin on February 19, 2013, to celebrate Rio Grande City Day at the  
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Rio Grande City has gained regional, state, and  
5 national media attention for its significant historical richness;  
6 it boasts more than 600 historic properties and has been recognized  
7 as a National Main Street City in Texas for 10 consecutive years;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The city is a member of the National Trust for  
10 Historic Preservation's National Main Street Network, which  
11 assists states and communities in the preservation and  
12 rehabilitation of commercial districts, and it has been designated  
13 as a Preserve America Community for its efforts to protect local  
14 cultural and natural resources for the benefit and enjoyment of the  
15 public; and

16 WHEREAS, The leaders of Rio Grande City are committed to  
17 improving the quality of life for residents and maintaining a  
18 positive economic environment that will attract new business; among  
19 the important infrastructure projects recently undertaken are the  
20 construction of a \$20.9 million water treatment facility, the  
21 \$2.885 million first phase expansion of the wastewater treatment  
22 facility, the construction of a \$2.5 million municipal park, and  
23 the revitalization of the city's downtown area; and

24 WHEREAS, Among those who have contributed to the community's

1 success are Mayor Ruben O. Villarreal, Mayor Pro Tem Hernan Garza,  
2 and city commissioners Rey Ramirez, Arcadio Salinas III, and David  
3 Jones; joining Mayor Villarreal on the house floor today are a  
4 number of prominent local citizens, including Giselle Villarreal,  
5 owner of Starr County's community magazine, *The Life*, Cecilia  
6 Olivarez, president of Rio Grande City Greater Chamber of Commerce,  
7 Veronica Sanchez, president of Main Street, and Joel Correa,  
8 president of South Texas College's Criminal Justice Association;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich heritage even as they work to  
11 build a bright future, the citizens of Rio Grande City may indeed  
12 take pride in their community's ongoing achievements; now,  
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
15 Legislature hereby recognize February 19, 2013, as Rio Grande City  
16 Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation  
17 sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.