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H.R. No. 299

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Eagle Pass and Maverick County are
2 gathering in Austin on February 20, 2013, to celebrate Eagle
3 Pass-Maverick County Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Located in southwest Texas, Maverick County was
5 established in 1856 and named for state legislator Samuel Augustus
6 Maverick; its county seat, Eagle Pass, was organized in the early
7 1870s on the border between Mexico and Texas; the city was
8 originally named El Paso del Aguila because of the frequent flights
9 of Mexican eagles over the area; and

10 WHEREAS, City and county officials are committed to working
11 together to create jobs, encourage young people, and improve the
12 quality of life in their region of the state; among the
13 accomplishments in recent years are an addition to Loop 480, a new
14 jail facility, the completion of the Eagle Pass ISD Student
15 Activity Center, and the 44,000-square-foot International Center
16 for Trade, which has served as a venue for area meetings and
17 conferences since 2006; and

18 WHEREAS, Civic leaders are also dedicated to the effective
19 collaboration of the public and private sectors and to the
20 administration of an economic development plan that will attract
21 and retain solid business, industry, and trade, as well as
22 affordable housing; specific goals include expanding the region's
23 health care services and bringing in a four-year college to augment
24 local institutions Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College and

1 Southwest Texas Junior College; and

2 WHEREAS, With three international bridges, including a rail
3 bridge, Eagle Pass and Maverick County have become an important
4 port of entry for international commerce, and the Kickapoo
5 Traditional Tribe of Texas provides an important source of jobs,
6 revenue, and tourism; visitors to the region can also learn about
7 area history at Fort Duncan Park and San Juan Plaza and enjoy
8 outdoor recreation at Maverick County Lake; moreover, they can
9 stroll the streets of historic downtown Eagle Pass, which has been
10 designated as a Texas Main Street City by the Texas Historical
11 Commission; and

12 WHEREAS, Led by Maverick County Judge David R. Saucedo and
13 Eagle Pass Mayor Ramsey English Cantu, community residents are
14 justifiably proud of their contributions to the Lone Star State,
15 and it is most fitting that they be honored on this special day;
16 now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
18 Legislature hereby recognize February 20, 2013, as Eagle
19 Pass-Maverick County Day at the State Capitol and extend to the
20 visiting delegation sincere best wishes for a meaningful and
21 memorable stay in Austin.