

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Del Rio and Val Verde County are
2 gathering in Austin on February 6, 2013, to celebrate Val Verde
3 County-Del Rio Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, The brushlands along the Rio Grande were first
5 inhabited more than 6,000 years ago by native peoples whose cave
6 paintings are still visible; the Spanish arrived in the 1590s,
7 encountering the Lipan Apaches and the Comanches, and in the 1850s
8 and after the Civil War, a series of military camps were set up in
9 the area; and

10 WHEREAS, The community of San Felipe Del Rio was founded in
11 1868, and Val Verde County was organized in 1885; that same year,
12 the colorful Judge Roy Bean was elected justice of the peace in
13 Langtry, where he became known as "the Law West of the Pecos,"
14 making his distinctive rulings from the Jersey Lilly Saloon; and

15 WHEREAS, County seat Del Rio today is a cultural center for
16 the area; it is home to campuses of Southwest Texas Junior College
17 and Sul Ross State University, as well as to the Upstagers Community
18 Theatre, which presents several productions each year; and

19 WHEREAS, Since its earliest days, Val Verde County has been a
20 center for sheep and goat ranching, and the wool and mohair
21 industries continue to be central to its economy; other important
22 employers include Laughlin Air Force Base, the U.S. Border Patrol,
23 and the National Park Service; and

24 WHEREAS, Tourism and trade with Mexico are also part of the

1 life of the county; opportunities for boating, fishing, birding,
2 and hiking are afforded by the Amistad National Recreation Area,
3 and the Whitehead Memorial Museum in Del Rio and the Judge Roy Bean
4 Visitor Center in Langtry attract visitors interested in the
5 heritage of the county's frontier days; and

6 WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich history as they work to build
7 a bright future, the citizens of Del Rio and Val Verde County may
8 take great pride in the important role their unique region
9 continues to play in the story of the Lone Star State; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
12 Legislature hereby recognize February 6, 2013, as Val Verde
13 County-Del Rio Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting
14 delegation sincere best wishes for a memorable stay in 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. 300

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 300 was adopted by the House on February 6, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House