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H.R. No. 379

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud citizens of Delta County are assembling at the
2 Texas State Capitol on February 13, 2013, to celebrate Delta County
3 Day; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated between the north and south forks of the
5 Sulphur River, Delta County was first inhabited by the Caddo
6 Indians; the area's first Anglo-American settler, Hugh Castle,
7 settled in the region in the 1820s and was soon joined by emigrants
8 from Kentucky and Tennessee; as the area began to prosper
9 agriculturally, residents petitioned the Texas State Legislature
10 to form a new county; and

11 WHEREAS, On July 29, 1870, lawmakers granted the request and
12 the region was officially organized as Delta County, named for its
13 triangular shape; Governor Edmund J. Davis named a five-man board
14 of commissioners to organize the county into precincts; the
15 commissioners also determined the location of the county seat,
16 which they named Cooper for Texas State Senator L. W. Cooper, who
17 played an important role in passing the legislation that created
18 the county; and

19 WHEREAS, Cooper soon became the center of local activities,
20 with towns like Charleston, Pecan Gap, and Ben Franklin also
21 growing as a result of the area's fertile soil and natural
22 pasturage, and the agricultural industry continues to dominate the
23 local economy today; and

24 WHEREAS, Visitors and the county's more than 5,000 residents

1 have numerous opportunities to explore the region's rural beauty
2 and history; the Patterson Memorial Delta County Museum in the old
3 Texas-Midland Railroad depot in Cooper offers artifacts and
4 memorabilia from the county's early days, while Cooper's
5 picturesque downtown features Miller's Pharmacy, with its
6 old-fashioned soda counter and vintage Wurlitzer jukebox; in
7 October, the county offers its annual Chiggerfest, and throughout
8 the year, outdoor enthusiasts can visit Cooper Lake and its
9 equestrian trails, swimming beaches, and fishing piers; and

10 WHEREAS, The citizens of Delta County are understandably
11 proud of their rural lifestyle, their neighborly values, and their
12 fertile land, which has sustained their agricultural heritage, and
13 it is indeed a pleasure to celebrate this unique region of the Lone
14 Star State; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
16 Legislature hereby recognize February 13, 2013, as Delta County Day
17 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
18 best wishes for a memorable and meaningful stay in Austin.