

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Aransas County are gathering in
2 Austin to celebrate Aransas County Day at the State Capitol on
3 February 21, 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, This region of thousand-year-old oaks, coastal
5 prairie, and sandy beaches was first inhabited by native peoples
6 8,000 years ago; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1828, the Mexican government awarded an
8 empresario grant to bring in settlers from Ireland and Mexico, and
9 not long after the Civil War, the towns of Fulton and Rockport were
10 founded as ports for the cattle business; Aransas County was formed
11 in 1871 and named after a Spanish palace; and

12 WHEREAS, Aransas County is the gateway to the 116,000-acre
13 Aransas National Wildlife Refuge, where the amazing whooping cranes
14 spend the winter, and Goose Island State Park, which has over
15 200,000 visitors annually; and

16 WHEREAS, Rockport and Fulton Harbors are the home ports of
17 many popular boating excursions for birders, dolphin watchers, and
18 devotees of deep-sea and bay fishing, while the beautifully lit
19 Fulton Harbor Pier and 8,690-foot-long Copano Bay Pier offer
20 first-rate opportunities for angling; and

21 WHEREAS, The county's history is evoked by the 19th century
22 Fulton Mansion and the 1870s Victorian-style Aransas County History
23 Center, while the official Texas Maritime Museum in Rockport
24 celebrates the marine heritage of the Lone Star State; the Rockport

1 Center for the Arts is a hub for the region's thriving cultural
2 scene, which includes such festive annual events as the Bountiful
3 Bowl Pottery Fair, the Fulton Oysterfest, the Rockport Film
4 Festival, the HummerBird Festival, LaMardi Gras, the 4th of July
5 Art Show, and the annual Rockport Festival of Wines; and

6 WHEREAS, Blessed with more magnificent bays than land, more
7 redfish and trout than cars, and a chamber of commerce with a
8 five-star rating, Aransas County is one of the treasures of the Lone
9 Star State, and its citizens may indeed take great pride in their
10 heritage and look forward to a future filled with opportunity and
11 good times; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize February 21, 2013, as Aransas County
14 Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation
15 sincere best wishes for a memorable and meaningful visit to Austin.

Morrison
Hunter
Herrero
Lozano

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. 463

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 463 was adopted by the House on February 21, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House