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H.R. No. 521

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives joins the
2 citizens of Andrews County and Texans across the state in
3 celebrating February 20, 2013, as Andrews County Day at the State
4 Capitol; and

5 WHEREAS, Situated on the high plains of the Permian Basin,
6 Andrews County was established in 1876 and formally organized in
7 1910 with Andrews as its county seat; both the city and county are
8 named for Richard Andrews, an early settler and soldier in the
9 revolutionary army and the first man to die in the Texas War for
10 Independence in 1835; and

11 WHEREAS, Andrews County has long been a leader in the
12 ranching industry in Texas, and with the advent of the widespread
13 use of windmills, the county became an important source of cotton
14 and sorghum; it experienced an impressive oil boom during the 1940s
15 and has recently experienced the greatest period of growth and
16 development in its history; as the fastest growing micropolitan
17 area in Texas, it remains one of the state's leading producers of
18 oil and gas, having just produced its three billionth barrel of oil
19 since 1929; and

20 WHEREAS, With unprecedented support from the citizens,
21 elected representatives, and civic organizations of the area,
22 Andrews County hosts the most advanced secure facility for the
23 disposal of Class A, B, and C low-level radioactive waste in the
24 United States; and

1 WHEREAS, The Andrews Independent School District is noted for
2 academic excellence, with its teams having earned top honors at
3 numerous University Interscholastic League academic competitions;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The Andrews High School girls' golf team is the
6 two-time defending 3A State Champion, and both the boys' and girls'
7 golf teams are currently ranked number one in their conference; and

8 WHEREAS, The people of Andrews County enjoy an abundance of
9 recreational opportunities, including the Andrews County Golf
10 Course and many exemplary area parks; in addition, the county
11 boasts an annual bluegrass festival, and the Andrews Art Guild Show
12 provides a forum for artists to display their works; now,
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
15 Legislature hereby recognize February 20, 2013, as Andrews County
16 Day at the State Capitol and commend the citizens of Andrews County
17 on their many contributions to the rich history of our state.