

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of the Mid-Valley region of Texas
2 are gathering in Austin on February 27, 2013, to celebrate
3 Mid-Valley Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Located in eastern Hidalgo County in the Rio Grande
5 Valley, the Mid-Valley region includes the towns of Alamo, Donna,
6 Mercedes, Progreso, Progreso Lakes, San Juan, and Weslaco; this
7 area is a center for agribusiness, with farmers producing
8 sugarcane, grains, and citrus fruit such as grapefruits and
9 oranges; and

10 WHEREAS, The city of Alamo is located in proximity to the
11 Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge, which comprises more than 2,000
12 acres of protected land and is home to a wide array of animals and
13 plants; in addition, the town boasts a birding information center
14 and the popular Alamo Central Park; and

15 WHEREAS, Upholding the motto "the City with a Heart in the
16 Heart of the Rio Grande Valley," Donna serves as the location of the
17 Donna-Rio Bravo International Bridge, which helps to facilitate
18 shopping, tourism, and commercial trade to and from Mexico; and

19 WHEREAS, Mercedes has long been a major center for the
20 processing and marketing of livestock, cotton, and vegetables, and
21 it is also known for its boot makers and the shopping opportunities
22 at the Rio Grande Valley Premium Outlets; the annual Rio Grande
23 Valley Livestock Show and Rodeo draws more than 200,000 people to
24 town each year, and the event provides valuable scholarship funds

1 for 4-H and FFA students; and

2 WHEREAS, In addition to being centers for the sugarcane
3 business, Progreso and Progreso Lakes have been serving as gateways
4 to the Rio Grande Valley since the opening of the Progreso/Nuevo
5 Progreso International Bridge in 2003; and

6 WHEREAS, Fast-growing San Juan is the home of the Basilica of
7 Our Lady of San Juan del Valle National Shrine, which attracts
8 multitudes of pilgrims from throughout the United States and
9 Mexico; the town hosts an annual Spring Fiesta and is the site of
10 numerous parks, including Liberty Park, with its flagpole monument
11 that honors those who have served in the U.S. armed forces; and

12 WHEREAS, The city of Weslaco has become a favorite
13 destination for tourists, golfers, retirees, and birders and is the
14 location of two important Texas A&M University research stations;
15 the annual Onion Fest celebrates the development of the famous
16 Texas 1015 onion in Weslaco, and this popular event brings many
17 visitors to the city; and

18 WHEREAS, Throughout the Mid-Valley region, great emphasis is
19 placed on the value of education, and the Science Academy of South
20 Texas in Mercedes consistently ranks among the top 100 on
21 *Newsweek's* list of "America's Best High Schools"; and

22 WHEREAS, The residents of this dynamic region of the Lone
23 Star State are justifiably proud of their hard work, civic
24 commitment, and innovative spirit, and their efforts have created a
25 group of notable Texas communities that are well prepared to meet
26 the challenges and opportunities of the future; now, therefore, be
27 it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
2 Legislature hereby recognize February 27, 2013, as Mid-Valley Day
3 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
4 best wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.

Martinez
Canales
Munoz, Jr.
Guerra
Longoria

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 603 was adopted by the House on February 27, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House