

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Waller County are gathering in
2 Austin on February 27, 2013, to celebrate Waller County Day at the
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, The Waller County area was originally settled by
5 members of Stephen F. Austin's Old Three Hundred during the 1820s;
6 shortly thereafter, it became the site of perhaps the first cotton
7 plantation in Texas, which was used as an encampment by members of
8 General Sam Houston's army during the Texas Revolution; in 1873,
9 the county was carved from sections of Austin and Grimes Counties
10 and named after Edwin Waller, a signer of the Texas Declaration of
11 Independence and the first mayor of Austin; and

12 WHEREAS, Waller County's growth was chiefly driven by
13 agriculture, with cotton, corn, and cattle serving as mainstays,
14 until the discovery of petroleum in the 1930s helped to diversify
15 its economy; today, farming, ranching, and mineral resources are
16 important to the area, and its rural character and proximity to
17 Houston have made it an attractive destination for new residents;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Hempstead is the county seat and the host of the
20 annual Waller County Fair as well as its Watermelon Festival, a
21 favorite of residents and visitors alike; Prairie View, which was
22 recently named one of the best cities to raise a family by *Bloomberg*
23 *Business Weekly*, is home to Prairie View A&M University, the
24 second-oldest public institution of higher learning in the state,

1 and Brookshire is a quaint rural town that is the location of
2 Brookwood Community as well as several international companies that
3 serve as major employers; while only parts of Waller and Katy are in
4 the county, they are both fast-growing cities that boast excellent
5 schools and contribute greatly to the culture and prosperity of the
6 county; and

7 WHEREAS, Honoring their rich heritage as they work toward
8 building an even brighter future, the citizens of Waller County
9 have many reasons to be proud of the place they call home; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
12 Legislature hereby recognize February 27, 2013, as Waller County
13 Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation
14 sincere best wishes for an enjoyable 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. 618

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 618 was adopted by the House on February 27, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House