

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, March 6, 2013, is Austin County Day, providing a
2 fitting opportunity to recognize the county and welcome its
3 citizens to the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, The area that would become Austin County was one of
5 the locations settled by the initial colonists who were brought to
6 Texas by Stephen F. Austin; the first English-language newspaper in
7 Texas, the *Gazette*, was started in 1829 in the colony's main town,
8 San Felipe de Austin; this settlement played an important part in
9 the Texas Revolution, briefly serving as capital of the provisional
10 government; and

11 WHEREAS, San Felipe became the county seat on the
12 establishment of Austin County in 1837, but in 1846 voters chose to
13 move the government to the more centrally located town of
14 Bellville; the county's growth was fueled as Czech and German
15 immigrants settled in the region, establishing new lives in a new
16 land and contributing their time-honored traditions and values to
17 further enrich the culture of Texas; and

18 WHEREAS, Today, reminders of these early days can be found
19 throughout the area; the San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site,
20 "The Colonial Capital of Texas," provides a glimpse into the life of
21 Stephen F. Austin and his fellow pioneers; visitors may also
22 appreciate the many turn-of-the-century homes and buildings
23 preserved by the Bellville Historical Society and the Austin County
24 Jail Museum houses rotating exhibits on local culture; and

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1 WHEREAS, Tourism and manufacturing contribute to the
2 county's economy, while agribusiness is the major commercial
3 activity; outdoor enthusiasts enjoy the hiking, fishing, and
4 opportunities for other recreation that are available in Stephen F.
5 Austin State Park; and

6 WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich history as they look forward
7 to a bright future, the residents of Austin County can take
8 justifiable pride in their heritage and their continuing
9 contributions to the prosperity of the Lone Star State; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
12 Legislature hereby recognize March 6, 2013, as Austin County Day
13 and extend to the county delegation sincere best wishes for an
14 enjoyable and rewarding visit to the State Capitol.

Kolkhorst

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. 621 was adopted by the House on March 6, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House