

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A number of proud West Texas citizens are gathering
2 in Austin on February 27, 2013, to celebrate Hudspeth County Day at
3 the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Created out of El Paso County in 1917, Hudspeth
5 County covers more than 4,500 square miles of the vast Chihuahuan
6 Desert, and residents enjoy the area's great natural beauty,
7 sweeping vistas, and friendly, close-knit communities; and

8 WHEREAS, Numerous archeological sites in the county attest to
9 the presence of farmers and hunter-gatherers in prehistoric times,
10 and missionaries and soldiers from northern New Spain traversed the
11 area as early as 1581; in 1849, John S. "Rip" Ford and Major Robert
12 S. Neighbors charted a trail that would be used by many adventurers
13 on their way to the California gold fields; Fort Quitman was
14 established in 1858 on the Rio Grande, in the southern part of the
15 present-day county, to protect travelers and mail coaches en route
16 between San Antonio and El Paso; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1881, the country's second transcontinental
18 railroad was completed near what is now Sierra Blanca, and Jay Gould
19 drove in a silver spike to mark the occasion; the town of Sierra
20 Blanca quickly developed into a shipping point and commercial
21 center, and when the county was organized it became the county seat;
22 Dell City, in the north, and Fort Hancock, near the Rio Grande, are
23 the two other largest communities; and

24 WHEREAS, The economy of Hudspeth County has been based

1 chiefly on ranching, farming, and mining, along with tourism and
2 hunting leases; a section of the Guadalupe Mountains National Park,
3 a destination for outdoors enthusiasts, is located within the
4 county, as is part of the Sierra Diablo Wildlife Management Area,
5 which is home to the largest population of free-ranging bighorn
6 sheep in Texas; and

7 WHEREAS, Popular annual events include the Dell Valley
8 Hudspeth County Fair and Wild West Chile Fest, held jointly in Dell
9 City, the Dell City Junior Livestock Show, Halloween Parade, and
10 July Fourth fireworks, and the Sierra Blanca livestock show and
11 Fourth of July Fair; points of interest in Sierra Blanca include the
12 old railroad depot, which now houses the Hudspeth County Museum,
13 and the courthouse, which is the only such structure in Texas that
14 is built of adobe; and

15 WHEREAS, The citizens of Hudspeth County share a deep
16 appreciation for their beloved corner of the Lone Star State, and it
17 is a pleasure to recognize their achievements and their public
18 spirit; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
20 Legislature hereby recognize February 27, 2013, as Hudspeth County
21 Day at the State Capitol and extend to all those who have come to
22 Austin sincere best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable visit.

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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
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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
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Fletcher	Miller of Comal	Villarreal
Flynn	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Frank	Moody	Walle
Frullo	Morrison	White
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H.R. No. 626

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 626 was adopted by the House on February 27, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House