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H.R. No. 666

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On March 6, 2013, residents from across Atascosa
2 County are gathering at the State Capitol to celebrate their
3 community's heritage and to share with fellow Texans their history,
4 traditions, and achievements; and

5 WHEREAS, The name Atascosa, derived from the Spanish word for
6 boggy terrain, was used to describe the area as early as 1788;
7 during the first part of the 19th century, this grassy prairie
8 region of South Texas attracted Spanish, Mexican, and
9 Anglo-American settlers, and by the time of the Texas Revolution,
10 its ranching industry was flourishing; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1856, the region was sufficiently populated to be
12 sectioned off from Bexar County; the county seat, originally at
13 Navatasco, was later permanently moved to the centrally located
14 town of Jourdanton; and

15 WHEREAS, Situated near the famous Camino Real, the county has
16 long benefited from its proximity to major transportation arteries
17 linking it with the Gulf Coast, the Rio Grande Valley, and Mexico,
18 as well as other major population centers; and

19 WHEREAS, Atascosa County enjoys the economic benefits reaped
20 by an abundance of natural resources and, blessed with productive
21 range and irrigated farmland, the area is known for its
22 agricultural industries; and

23 WHEREAS, Proud of its ranching heritage, Pleasanton, the
24 county's trading center, bills itself as the birthplace of the

1 cowboy, a designation symbolized by a large bronze statue in front
2 of city hall; in nearby Poteet, known to many as the Strawberry
3 Capital of the World, a seven-foot, 1,600-pound monument to the
4 fruit graces the front lawn of city hall, and a Strawberry Festival,
5 the fourth-largest agricultural festival in the state, takes place
6 in April; and

7 WHEREAS, Other resources such as oil and gas also play a
8 significant role in the county's ongoing development, but the most
9 important asset in the area's increasingly diverse economy is
10 undoubtedly its industrious citizenry; and

11 WHEREAS, The residents of Atascosa County have made many
12 notable contributions to the economy and culture of Texas, and they
13 may take justifiable pride in the place that they call home; now,
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
16 Legislature hereby recognize March 6, 2013, as Atascosa County Day
17 at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to all visitors from
18 that fine county.