

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Proud residents of Vernon and Wilbarger County are  
2 gathering to celebrate Wilbarger County and City of Vernon Day at  
3 the State Capitol on March 6, 2013; and

4           WHEREAS, Situated upon the rolling grasslands of North Texas,  
5 Wilbarger County was once part of the buffalo hunting grounds of the  
6 Comanche; named for early settlers Josiah and Mathias Wilbarger,  
7 the county was established in 1858; a branch of the Western Trail  
8 passed through the area, and six million longhorn traversed the Red  
9 River at Doan's Crossing during the great cattle drives; oil,  
10 discovered in the early 20th century, remains important to the  
11 region's economy; and

12           WHEREAS, County seat Vernon was originally called Eagle Flat  
13 for the abundance of nesting eagles nearby; today, the city is a  
14 center for farming, ranching, and the petroleum industry; the  
15 birthplace of rock and roll legend Roy Orbison, the town is also  
16 home to Vernon College and the Red River Valley Museum, which  
17 chronicles the history, culture, and geography of the region; and

18           WHEREAS, Established in 1849, the Waggoner Ranch, south of  
19 Vernon, is the largest ranch in Texas under one fence and a  
20 five-time winner of the Texas Ranch Roundup; the Santa Rosa  
21 Palomino Club is a renowned precision equestrian riding club, and  
22 the club's annual Santa Rosa Roundup draws thousands of visitors  
23 and top professional rodeo riders; residents and visitors alike  
24 also enjoy the picnic every May at Doan's Crossing, one of the

1 oldest annual events in Texas; and

2           WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich and colorful history as they  
3 work together to build a bright future, the citizens of Vernon and  
4 Wilbarger County may take justifiable pride in the important role  
5 their unique region continues to play in the story of the Lone Star  
6 State; now, therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
8 Legislature hereby recognize March 6, 2013, as Wilbarger County and  
9 City of Vernon Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting  
10 delegation sincere best wishes for a memorable and meaningful visit  
11 to Austin.

Springer

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. 671

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 671 was adopted by the House on March 6, 2013, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House