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H.R. No. 697

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to
2 join the citizens of Brewster County and Texans across the state in
3 celebrating Brewster County Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Located in the Trans-Pecos region of West Texas,
5 Brewster County is the largest county in Texas and is home to Big
6 Bend National Park, the largest park in the state; the county was
7 established in 1887, when it was carved from Presidio County, and
8 its county seat is Alpine, home to Sul Ross State University; and

9 WHEREAS, Members of the Spanish expeditions of the 16th
10 century were the first Europeans to explore the area; the county's
11 rugged, mountainous terrain discouraged settlement until after the
12 Civil War, when the development of the cattle industry and the
13 arrival of the railroads, along with the presence of the United
14 States Army, made the area safe and profitable for settlers; and

15 WHEREAS, In the late 19th century, the discovery of mercury
16 touched off a mining boom in the county, and by 1905, the Chisos
17 Mining Company was supplying 20 percent of the nation's mercury;
18 the burgeoning cattle industry, along with the production of
19 mercury, formed the backbone of the area's economy for many years;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Today, with Big Bend National Park drawing more than
22 250,000 visitors annually, Brewster County serves as a prime
23 tourist destination; in addition, chili cooks and citizens from
24 around the state and nation arrive each fall to participate in the

1 World Championship Chili Cookoff in Terlingua; and

2 WHEREAS, The citizens of Brewster County are rightly proud of
3 the county's beauty, its rich history, and its many contributions
4 to our state; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Texas House of Representatives, 82nd
6 Legislature, hereby commend the citizens of Brewster County for
7 preserving the county's many amenities and extend to the county's
8 delegation a sincere welcome to Austin for Brewster County Day at
9 the State Capitol; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the
11 citizens of Brewster County as an expression of esteem from the
12 Texas House of Representatives.