

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 210**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the citizens of Aransas County who are gathering at the State Capitol in Austin to celebrate Aransas County Day on February 20, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, Aransas County was created from Refugio County in 1871 and was named after Rio Nuestra Señora de Aranzazu, a name derived from a famous Spanish palace; and

**WHEREAS**, The county's location on the southern coastal plains and its diversified economy have contributed to its prosperity; agribusiness, tourism, oil and gas production, and fish packing are the region's major industries; and

**WHEREAS**, Aransas County is home to the Fulton Mansion State Historic Structure, a three-story, French Second Empire style house built by rancher and businessman George W. Fulton, Sr., and to the Texas Maritime Museum, the official maritime museum of the State of Texas, which is dedicated to preserving and interpreting the rich maritime heritage of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, In the county seat of Rockport, the Rockport Center for the Arts brings together artists and art lovers in a stimulating atmosphere, and the Rockport Beach Park was declared Texas' first Blue Wave Beach, having met the high quality standards set by the Clean Beaches Council; and

**WHEREAS**, The county's Goose Island State Park is home to the Big Tree, and its fishing piers, boat ramps, and marinas offer outdoor sports enthusiasts abundant recreational opportunities; nature lovers and bird-watchers find in Aransas County a wealth of places to tour, particularly the Aransas

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National Wildlife Refuge, which is full of various species of wildlife and is the principal wintering ground of the endangered whooping crane; and

**WHEREAS**, Aransas County is blessed with natural wonders, a vibrant cultural scene, and a colorful history, and its residents may take great pride in their heritage and ongoing achievements; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby recognize February 20, 2013, as Aransas County Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable visit to Austin; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the Aransas County delegation as a memento of this special day.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 18, 2013.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate