

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Business and community leaders from San Patricio
2 County are gathering in Austin on February 12, 2015, to celebrate
3 San Patricio County Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated upon the broad coastal plain along the Gulf
5 of Mexico, this region was originally inhabited by the Karankawa
6 Indians; less than 30 years after Columbus discovered America, a
7 European explorer sailed into the bay behind Aransas Pass, and over
8 the next 200 years the territory was visited by Spanish and French
9 explorers and Mexican shepherders; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1829, 200 Irish families from New York formed a
11 colony under a contract with the government of Mexico and founded
12 the town of San Patricio de Hibernia, after Saint Patrick, the
13 patron saint of Ireland; the town was the site of a battle during
14 the Texas Revolution in 1836, and later that same year, San Patricio
15 County was created by the new Republic of Texas; and

16 WHEREAS, By 1860, San Patricio County was occupied by
17 ranchers and farmers, and during the Civil War, a Confederate fort
18 was placed at Aransas Pass to deal with smugglers, rustlers, and
19 Federal raiders; the county's economy was boosted in 1885 when the
20 San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railway was extended to Aransas
21 Harbor; the town of Sinton, named after an Ohio banker who had
22 invested in the area's development, was named county seat in 1893;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Oil and gas were discovered in the county in the

1 early 20th century, and the petroleum industry and agriculture
2 continue to be the foundation of the economy; cotton, sorghum, and
3 cattle are all major products, along with shrimp from the
4 commercial fisheries along the coast; the deepwater port at Aransas
5 Pass is easily accessible to northern markets by rail, highway, and
6 the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway; and

7 WHEREAS, Today, the residents of San Patricio County enjoy a
8 relaxed rural lifestyle while taking advantage of their proximity
9 to the urban amenities of Corpus Christi; hunters, birders,
10 kayakers, snorkelers, and devotees of sport fishing travel to the
11 county for its many opportunities for recreation; the county is
12 also home to the Welder Wildlife Refuge, one of the largest
13 privately endowed refuges in the world; and

14 WHEREAS, Celebrating their colorful past even as they work to
15 build a bright future, the residents of San Patricio County may
16 indeed take great pride in this distinctive part of the Lone Star
17 State; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
19 Legislature hereby recognize February 12, 2015, as San Patricio
20 County Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting
21 delegation sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable visit
22 to Austin.

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Straus	Guerra	Otto
Allen	Guillen	Paddie
Alonzo	Gutierrez	Parker
Alvarado	Harless	Paul
Anchia	Hernandez	Peña
Anderson of Dallas	Herrero	Phelan
Anderson of McLennan	Howard	Phillips
Ashby	Huberty	Pickett
Aycock	Hughes	Price
Bell	Hunter	Raney
Blanco	Isaac	Raymond
Bohac	Israel	Reynolds
Bonnen of Brazoria	Johnson	Riddle
Bonnen of Galveston	Kacal	Rinaldi
Burkett	Keffer	Rodriguez of Bexar
Burns	Keough	Rodriguez of Travis
Burrows	King of Hemphill	Romero, Jr.
Button	King of Parker	Rose
Canales	King of Taylor	Sanford
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Schaefer
Clardy	Klick	Schofield
Coleman	Koop	Shaheen
Collier	Krause	Sheets
Cook	Kuempel	Sheffield
Craddick	Landgraf	Simmons
Crownover	Larson	Simpson
Dale	Laubenberg	Smith
Darby	Leach	Smithee
Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Spitzer
Davis of Harris	Lozano	Springer
Deshotel	Lucio III	Stephenson
Dukes	Márquez	Stickland
Dutton	Martinez	Thompson of Brazoria
Elkins	Martinez Fischer	Thompson of Harris
Faircloth	McClendon	Tinderholt
Fallon	Menéndez	Turner of Collin
Farias	Metcalf	Turner of Harris
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Fletcher	Miller of Comal	Villalba
Flynn	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Frank	Moody	Walle
Frullo	Morrison	White of Bell
Galindo	Muñoz, Jr.	White of Tyler
Geren	Murphy	Workman
Giddings	Murr	Wray
Goldman	Naishtat	Wu
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H.R. No. 129

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 129 was adopted by the House on February 4, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House