

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Citizens of Jim Wells County are assembling at the  
2 State Capitol on February 17, 2015, to celebrate the importance of  
3 their home to the history of the State of Texas; and

4           WHEREAS, A landscape of sweeping grasslands and wide  
5 horizons, the county's early inhabitants, the Chaguane and Payuguan  
6 tribes, enjoyed the region's mild winters and abundant game; after  
7 the first European settlement in 1754, at Penitas Creek, Mexican  
8 ranchers developed land grants into sheep and cattle ranches; in  
9 1848 the region became part of the State of Texas, and it was  
10 formally incorporated as a county in 1911 and named after the  
11 prominent politician James B. Wells Jr.; and

12           WHEREAS, With the arrival of the railroad in the 1870s,  
13 county seat Alice became the most important livestock shipment  
14 junction in South Texas, and ranching has remained a mainstay of the  
15 county's economy ever since; cotton and sorghum are important  
16 crops, as are hay, corn, and wheat; it is a center for health care,  
17 with an outstanding medical facility, the CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital  
18 Alice, and since the discovery of oil in 1931, it has become one of  
19 the state's leaders in oil production; and

20           WHEREAS, The Tejano R.O.O.T.S. Hall of Fame in Alice honors  
21 Tejano culture and recognizes the region as the birthplace of this  
22 popular musical genre; area culture is further showcased at the  
23 South Texas Museum, housed in the historic McGill Brothers Building  
24 in Alice, and the annual Fiesta Bandana, celebrating Cinco de Mayo,

1 is a highlight of the county's cultural calendar; and

2 WHEREAS, The hardworking and forward-looking citizens of Jim  
3 Wells County are building on a long tradition of industry,  
4 achievements, and public spirit, and they are indeed worthy of  
5 special recognition; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby recognize February 17, 2015, as Jim Wells County  
8 Day at the State Capitol and extend to its citizens sincere best  
9 wishes for a memorable visit 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
Farney	Meyer	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miles	VanDeaver
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
Gonzales	Nevárez	Zedler
González	Oliveira	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 137 was adopted by the House on February 17, 2015, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House