

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud citizens of Brewster County are gathering at
2 the State Capitol today to celebrate Brewster County Day; and

3 WHEREAS, Located in the Trans-Pecos region of West Texas, the
4 striking landscape of Brewster County incorporates mountains,
5 desert, grasslands, and forest, which are rich with wildlife such
6 as pronghorn antelope, white-tail deer, bighorn sheep, mountain
7 lions, black bears, and coyotes; and

8 WHEREAS, The region was first inhabited by nomadic hunters
9 9,000 years ago, and people began growing crops there 1,000 years
10 ago; the first Spanish explorers arrived in the 16th century, but
11 the rugged terrain discouraged permanent settlement until after the
12 Civil War, when the arrival of the railroad and the presence of the
13 U.S. Army and the Texas Rangers enabled the rise of cattle
14 ranching; and

15 WHEREAS, Established in 1887, Brewster County is the largest
16 county in Texas, nearly as large as the states of Connecticut and
17 Rhode Island put together; the discovery of mercury in 1884 touched
18 off a mining boom, and by the early 20th century, the Chisos Mining
19 Company was producing 20 percent of the mercury in the nation; and

20 WHEREAS, Today, the cattle industry, education, and tourism
21 are essential to the county's economy and culture; situated in the
22 county seat of Alpine, Sul Ross State University offers students a
23 wide range of bachelor's and master's degree programs, as well as a
24 low student-to-teacher ratio; Big Bend National Park features

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1 spectacular mountain, desert, and riverine landscapes and attracts
2 up to 350,000 visitors a year, and the Terlingua International
3 Chili Championship, which is held every November, draws competitors
4 from across the state and nation; and

5 WHEREAS, The citizens of Brewster County are justifiably
6 proud of their region's great natural beauty, its rich history, and
7 its unique place in the story of the Lone Star State; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
10 Legislature hereby recognize Brewster County Day at the State
11 Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes
12 for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 369 was adopted by the House on
February 19, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House