

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Panola County are gathering in Austin
2 on February 10, 2015, to celebrate Panola County Day at the State
3 Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Located in northeastern Texas and forming part of
5 the state's border with Louisiana, Panola County covers more than
6 800 square miles of forests and rolling plains and is traversed by
7 the Sabine River; the area experienced a land rush in the 1830s as
8 settlers arrived from the southern United States; on March 30,
9 1846, the Texas Legislature officially created Panola County, and
10 two years later, voters chose Carthage as the county seat; and

11 WHEREAS, It is believed that Judge John Allison, a prominent
12 civic leader, suggested the name Panola, which may be derived from
13 the Cherokee word for cotton, *ponolo*; the area's rich soil was well
14 suited to the crop, and cotton became the county's main
15 agricultural product; today, Panola County enjoys a diversified
16 economy, primarily based in oil and gas production, agriculture,
17 food processing, and timber; the lush forests also make the county a
18 popular destination for hiking, birding, and camping enthusiasts,
19 while anglers enjoy the good fishing waters of Martin Creek Lake and
20 Murvaul Lake; and

21 WHEREAS, With nearly 50 Texas Historical Commission markers,
22 Panola County has a rich and fascinating history; it was the
23 birthplace of several notable Texans, including Margie Elizabeth
24 Neal, the first woman elected to serve in the Texas Senate, and

1 country music stars Tex Ritter and Jim Reeves; a museum dedicated to
2 Mr. Ritter and a memorial devoted to Mr. Reeves are located in
3 Carthage, as is the Texas Country Music Hall of Fame, which honors
4 the legacies of both of these men, along with other country music
5 legends from the state; and

6 WHEREAS, Carthage, which was named a National Main Street
7 City in Texas in 2011, is also home to Panola College and the
8 historic Esquire Theater, which hosts the Country Music Hayride
9 live music show every Saturday night; other popular events taking
10 place in the county seat include the Piney Woods Quilt Festival in
11 April and the East Texas Oil and Gas Blast in October, which
12 features live music, a car show, and arts and crafts; in addition,
13 the Footprints in the Sand monument, a poignant religious sculpture
14 at Pippen Memorial Park, was completed in 2014; and

15 WHEREAS, The citizens of Panola County have long made an
16 important contribution to the Lone Star State, and it is most
17 fitting that they be honored on this special day; now, therefore, be
18 it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
20 Legislature hereby recognize February 10, 2015, as Panola County
21 Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation
22 sincere best wishes for a memorable and meaningful visit to Austin.

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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
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H.R. No. 374

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 374 was adopted by the House on February 10, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House