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H.R. No. 493

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives joins the
2 citizens of Andrews County in celebrating February 18, 2015, as
3 Andrews County Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated on the high plains of the Permian Basin,
5 Andrews County was established in 1876 and formally organized in
6 1910 with Andrews as its county seat; both the city and county are
7 named for Richard Andrews, an early settler and soldier in the
8 revolutionary army and the first man to die in the Texas War for
9 Independence in 1835; and

10 WHEREAS, Andrews County has long been a leader in the
11 ranching industry in Texas, and with the advent of the widespread
12 use of windmills, the county became an important source of cotton
13 and sorghum; it experienced an impressive oil boom during the 1940s
14 and has recently experienced the greatest period of growth and
15 development in its history; it remains one of the state's leading
16 producers of oil and gas, having produced more than three billion
17 barrels of oil since 1929; and

18 WHEREAS, With unprecedented support from citizens, public
19 officials, and civic organizations in the area, Andrews County
20 hosts the most advanced secure facility for the disposal of Class A,
21 B, and C low-level radioactive waste in the United States; and

22 WHEREAS, The Andrews Independent School District is highly
23 regarded, and its students have earned top honors at numerous
24 University Interscholastic League academic competitions;

1 additionally, the Andrews High School girls' golf team is the
2 four-time defending 3A State Champion, and the boys' golf team has
3 been 3A State Champion for the past two years; and

4 WHEREAS, The people of Andrews County enjoy an abundance of
5 recreational opportunities, including many exemplary area parks;
6 the county boasts an annual bluegrass festival, and the Andrews Art
7 Guild Show provides a forum for artists to display their works; and

8 WHEREAS, Andrews County has made important contributions to
9 the history and prosperity of the Lone Star State, and it is
10 appropriate to take this opportunity to honor its residents; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize February 18, 2015, as Andrews County
14 Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation
15 sincere best wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in
16 Austin.