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H.R. No. 1464

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents from Atascosa County are gathering in
2 Austin on March 24, 2015, to celebrate Atascosa County Day at the
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, During the first part of the 19th century, the
5 grassy prairie region of South Texas that would become Atascosa
6 County attracted Spanish, Mexican, and Anglo-American settlers,
7 and by the time of the Texas Revolution, its ranching industry was
8 flourishing; in 1856, the region was sufficiently populated to be
9 sectioned off from Bexar County; the county seat, originally at
10 Navatasco, was later moved to Pleasanton, and then in 1910, voters
11 supported moving it again, this time to the more centrally located
12 town of Jourdanton; and

13 WHEREAS, Situated near the famous Camino Real, Atascosa
14 County has long benefited from its proximity to major
15 transportation arteries linking it with the Gulf Coast, the Rio
16 Grande Valley, and Mexico, as well as other major population
17 centers; the county enjoys the economic benefits reaped by an
18 abundance of natural resources and, blessed with productive range
19 and irrigated farmland, the area is known for its agricultural
20 industries; additionally, other resources such as oil and gas play
21 a significant role in the economy; and

22 WHEREAS, Proud of its ranching heritage, Pleasanton, the
23 county's trading center, bills itself as the birthplace of the
24 cowboy, a designation symbolized by a large bronze statue in front

1 of city hall; in nearby Poteet, known to many as the Strawberry
2 Capital, a Strawberry Festival takes place in April, and a
3 seven-foot, 1,600-pound monument to the fruit graces the front lawn
4 of the fire department; and

5 WHEREAS, The residents of Atascosa County have made many
6 notable contributions to the economy and culture of Texas, and they
7 may take justifiable pride in the place that they call home; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
10 Legislature hereby recognize March 24, 2015, as Atascosa County Day
11 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
12 best wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.