

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Proud residents of Caldwell County are gathering in  
2 Austin on May 13, 2015, to celebrate Caldwell County Day at the  
3 State Capitol; and

4           WHEREAS, Caldwell County was formed in 1848 out of territory  
5 from Bastrop and Gonzales Counties and is named for Mathew  
6 Caldwell, a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence; and

7           WHEREAS, For many years, the county's economy was based on  
8 agriculture; thousands of cattle were driven north on the Chisholm  
9 Trail and on other trails that passed through the county, and cotton  
10 became a major crop in the 1890s, after A. D. Mebane developed  
11 strains of cotton that could flourish in less fertile soils; and

12           WHEREAS, The 1922 discovery of oil in the Luling and Prairie  
13 Lea area served to diversify the county's economy; today, the  
14 production of oil and gas remains a significant factor driving  
15 economic growth in the area, while farming, ranching, and  
16 manufacturing also figure in the county's economic profile; and

17           WHEREAS, Caldwell County offers ample opportunity for  
18 outdoor recreation, notably at Lockhart State Park and along the  
19 San Marcos River; the county also features many buildings of  
20 architectural interest, among them a beautifully restored  
21 courthouse and what is believed to be the oldest unaltered  
22 Episcopal church in Texas; the attractive character of the county  
23 has drawn the attention of moviemakers, and numerous films have  
24 been shot on location there, including *Bernie*, *Temple Grandin*, and

1 *Secondhand Lions*; furthermore, Lockhart has earned recognition as  
2 the Barbecue Capital of Texas, and Luling hosts the Watermelon  
3 Thump, a popular annual festival complete with a rodeo, a  
4 seed-spitting contest, and the crowning of the Watermelon Thump  
5 Queen; and

6 WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich and colorful history as they  
7 work together to build a bright future, the citizens of Caldwell  
8 County may take justifiable pride in the important role their  
9 unique region continues to play in the story of the Lone Star State;  
10 now, therefore, be it

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

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H.R. No. 2704

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2704 was adopted by the House on May 13, 2015, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House