

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 173

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Andrews County and Texans across the state in celebrating February 18, 2015, as Andrews County Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Situated on the high plains of the Permian Basin, Andrews County was established in 1876 and formally organized in 1910 with Andrews as its county seat; it is named for Richard Andrews, an early settler and soldier in the revolutionary army and the first man to die in the Texas War for Independence in 1835; and

WHEREAS, Andrews County has long been a leader in the ranching industry in Texas; the county also became an important source of cotton and sorghum with the advent of the widespread use of windmills; it experienced an impressive oil boom during the 1940s and has recently experienced the greatest period of growth and development in its history; as the fastest-growing micropolitan area in Texas, it remains one of the state's leading producers of oil and gas, having just produced its three billionth barrel of oil since 1929; and

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

WHEREAS, The Andrews Independent School District is noted for academic excellence, with its teams having earned top honors at numerous University Interscholastic League academic competitions; and

WHEREAS, The people of Andrews County enjoy an abundance of recreational opportunities, including the Andrews County Golf

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Course and many exemplary area parks; the county boasts an annual bluegrass festival, and the Andrews Art Guild Show provides a forum for artists to display their works; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby commend the citizens of Andrews County on their many contributions to the rich history of our state and extend to them best wishes for a memorable Andrews County Day at the State Capitol; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this special day.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 18, 2015.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate