

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 303

WHEREAS, Proud citizens of Victoria County are gathering in Austin on March 3, 2015, to celebrate Victoria County Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Victoria County is located in southeastern Texas on the Gulf Coastal Plains; the area was first colonized by Martin de León in 1824, with the establishment of a settlement in a Mexican colony named for that nation's first elected president, Don Guadalupe Victoria; Victoria County was one of the original 23 counties established by the First Congress of the Republic of Texas on March 17, 1836; and

WHEREAS, With its abundant natural grasslands and subtropical climate allowing for year-round grazing, the county became a leader in the development of the Texas cattle industry; as knowledge about cultivating prairie soils grew, commercial farming of diverse crops developed in the area in the late 1890s, and the production of corn and cotton grew in importance; and

WHEREAS, Situated in the heart of the Golden Crescent region, the city of Victoria is the county's largest and serves as the county seat; since its humble beginnings in the early 1800s, it has become the cultural, historic, and economic hub for nearby communities and the surrounding counties; and

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

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby recognize March 3, 2015, as Victoria County Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 3, 2015.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate