

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of San Patricio County are gathering in
2 Austin on February 15, 2017, to celebrate San Patricio County Day at
3 the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated on the broad coastal plain along the Gulf
5 of Mexico, this region was originally inhabited by the Karankawa
6 Indians; less than 30 years after Columbus came to America, a
7 European explorer sailed into the bay behind Aransas Pass, and over
8 the next 200 years, the territory was visited by Spanish and French
9 explorers and Mexican sheepherders; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1829, 200 Irish families from New York formed a
11 colony under a contract with the government of Mexico and founded
12 the town of San Patricio de Hibernia, after Saint Patrick, the
13 patron saint of Ireland; the town was the site of a battle during
14 the Texas Revolution in 1836, and later that same year, San Patricio
15 County was created by the new Republic of Texas; and

16 WHEREAS, By 1860, San Patricio County was occupied by
17 ranchers and farmers, and during the Civil War, a Confederate fort
18 was built at Aransas Pass to deal with smugglers, rustlers, and
19 Federal raiders; the county's economy was boosted in 1885 when the
20 San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railway was extended to Aransas
21 Harbor; the town of Sinton, named after an Ohio banker who had
22 invested in the area's development, was designated as the county
23 seat in 1893; and

24 WHEREAS, Oil and gas were discovered in the county in the

1 early 20th century, and the petroleum industry and agriculture
2 continue to be the foundation of the economy; cotton, sorghum, and
3 cattle are all major products, along with shrimp from the
4 commercial fisheries along the coast; the deepwater port at Aransas
5 Pass is easily accessible to northern markets by rail, highway, and
6 the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway; and

7 WHEREAS, Today, the people of San Patricio County enjoy a
8 relaxed rural lifestyle while taking advantage of their proximity
9 to the urban amenities of Corpus Christi; hunters, birders,
10 kayakers, snorkelers, and devotees of sport fishing travel to the
11 county for its many opportunities for recreation; the county is
12 also home to the Welder Wildlife Refuge, one of the largest
13 privately endowed refuges in the world; and

14 WHEREAS, Celebrating their colorful past even as they work to
15 build a bright future, those Texans who call San Patricio County
16 home may indeed take great pride in the important role their unique
17 region plays in the story of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be
18 it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
20 Legislature hereby recognize February 15, 2017, as San Patricio
21 County Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting
22 delegation sincere best wishes for an enjoyable stay in Austin.

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Straus	Goldman	Oliverson
Allen	Gonzales of Williamson	Ortega
Alonzo	González of El Paso	Paddie
Alvarado	Gooden	Parker
Anchia	Guerra	Paul
Anderson of Dallas	Guillen	Perez
Anderson of McLennan	Gutierrez	Phelan
Arévalo	Hefner	Phillips
Ashby	Hernandez	Pickett
Bailes	Herrero	Price
Bell	Hinojosa	Raney
Bernal	Holland	Raymond
Biedermann	Howard	Reynolds
Blanco	Huberty	Rinaldi
Bohac	Hunter	Roberts
Bonnen of Brazoria	Isaac	Rodriguez of Bexar
Bonnen of Galveston	Israel	Rodriguez of Travis
Burkett	Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Burns	Johnson of Harris	Rose
Burrows	Kacal	Sanford
Button	Keough	Schaefer
Cain	King of Hemphill	Schofield
Canales	King of Parker	Schubert
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Shaheen
Clardy	Klick	Sheffield
Coleman	Koop	Shine
Collier	Krause	Simmons
Cook	Kuempel	Smithee
Cortez	Lambert	Springer
Cosper	Landgraf	Stephenson
Craddick	Lang	Stickland
Cyrier	Larson	Stucky
Dale	Laubenberg	Swanson
Darby	Leach	Thierry
Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Thompson of Brazoria
Davis of Harris	Lozano	Thompson of Harris
Dean	Lucio III	Tinderholt
Deshotel	Martinez	Turner
Dukes	Metcalf	Uresti
Dutton	Meyer	VanDeaver
Elkins	Miller	Villalba
Faircloth	Minjarez	Vo
Fallon	Moody	Walle
Farrar	Morrison	White
Flynn	Muñoz, Jr.	Wilson
Frank	Murphy	Workman
Frullo	Murr	Wray
Geren	Neave	Wu
Gervin-Hawkins	Nevárez	Zedler
Giddings	Oliveira	Zerwas

H.R. No. 129

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 129 was adopted by the House on February 15, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House