

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Residents of Jim Wells County are assembling at the  
2 State Capitol on February 7, 2017, to celebrate the importance of  
3 their home to the history of the State of Texas; and

4           WHEREAS, A landscape of sweeping grasslands and wide  
5 horizons, the county's early inhabitants, the Chaguane and Payuguan  
6 tribes, enjoyed the region's mild winters and abundant game; after  
7 the first European settlement in 1754, at Penitas Creek, Mexican  
8 ranchers developed land grants into sheep and cattle ranches; in  
9 1848 the region became part of the State of Texas, and it was  
10 formally incorporated as a county in 1911 and named after the  
11 prominent developer and attorney James B. Wells Jr.; and

12           WHEREAS, With the arrival of the railroad in the 1870s, Alice  
13 became the most important livestock shipment junction in South  
14 Texas, and ranching has remained a mainstay of the county's economy  
15 ever since; cotton and sorghum are important crops, as are hay,  
16 corn, and wheat; the county seat, Alice is a center for health care,  
17 with an outstanding medical facility, the CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital  
18 Alice, and since the discovery of oil in the area in 1931, the  
19 county has become one of the state's leaders in oil production; and

20           WHEREAS, The Tejano R.O.O.T.S. Hall of Fame in Alice honors  
21 Tejano culture and recognizes the region as the birthplace of this  
22 popular musical genre; area culture is further showcased at the  
23 South Texas Museum, housed in the historic McGill Brothers Building  
24 in Alice, and the annual Fiesta Bandana, celebrating Cinco de Mayo,

1 is a highlight of the county's cultural calendar; and

2 WHEREAS, Celebrating their vibrant heritage as they embrace  
3 the opportunities of the future, the citizens of Jim Wells County  
4 are building on a long tradition of industry, achievement, and  
5 public spirit, and they are indeed deserving of special  
6 recognition; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby recognize February 7, 2017, as Jim Wells County  
9 Day at the State Capitol and extend to its residents sincere best  
10 wishes for a meaningful and memorable visit to 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. 131

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 131 was adopted by the House on February 7, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House