

By: King of Uvalde

H.R. No. 174

R E S O L U T I O N

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

4 WHEREAS, The Uvalde area was once a hunting ground of the
5 Comanche, Tonkawa, and Lipan Apache peoples; a Spanish mission was
6 established in the region in 1762, and in 1790, Juan de Ugalde, the
7 governor of Coahuila, won a decisive victory over the Apaches; the
8 site of the battle was named in honor of the governor, and an
9 altered spelling of his name--Uvalde--was later applied to the
10 county; and

11 WHEREAS, Permanent settlers began to arrive in the 1850s, and
12 Uvalde County was established in 1856; a rough-and-tumble frontier
13 area during and after the Civil War, the county became a ranching
14 center in the late 1800s and was also renowned for its honey, which
15 took first prize at the Paris World's Fair in 1900; today, the
16 county's economy continues to be based on agribusiness, including
17 farming and the raising of livestock such as cattle, sheep, and
18 goats; and

19 WHEREAS, Four spring-fed rivers, the Nueces, Leona, Sabinal,
20 and Frio, have cut ruggedly beautiful canyons through the region's
21 rolling hills, and the county draws hunters from around the state
22 with its abundance of deer, quail, doves, and turkeys; swimmers,
23 campers, bird-watchers, and other outdoors enthusiasts enjoy the
24 scenic delights of Garner State Park, nestled in the hills near

1 Utopia, Concan, and Reagan Wells, and Cooks Slough Sanctuary and
2 Nature Park, just outside Uvalde; other notable communities include
3 Knippa, Cline, and Montell, and Sabinal is a popular ranch center
4 and retirement area; and

5 WHEREAS, Founded more than 150 years ago, the city of Uvalde
6 is the county seat and is home to a number of attractions; John
7 Nance "Cactus Jack" Garner, the 32nd vice president of the United
8 States, lived and practiced law there; former Texas governor Dolph
9 Briscoe Jr. was born and raised in the city and returned to it
10 following the completion of his terms in office; the Briscoe Art and
11 Antique Collection displays works collected by Governor Briscoe and
12 his wife, and the Aviation Museum at Garner Field houses World War
13 II memorabilia and aircraft in an original army airfield hangar; in
14 addition, the town hosts presentations by the Sahawe Indian
15 Dancers, who help preserve the Native American cultural practices
16 of the Southwest with their popular dance performances; and

17 WHEREAS, Even as they celebrate their rich history, the
18 citizens of Uvalde County are looking ahead to the opportunities of
19 the future, and they may take great pride in the contributions that
20 this unique region has made to the Lone Star State; now, therefore,
21 be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
23 Legislature hereby recognize February 15, 2017, as Uvalde County
24 Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation
25 sincere best wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in
26 Austin.