

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Many proud citizens of Lamar County are visiting the
2 State Capitol on March 7-9, 2017, to celebrate the role this
3 Northeast Texas county has played in the annals of the Lone Star
4 State; and

5 WHEREAS, At the time of the Republic of Texas, present-day
6 Lamar County was located within the boundaries of Red River County;
7 population growth led the Fifth Congress of the republic to
8 establish Lamar County on December 17, 1840, and the current
9 boundaries were drawn 30 years later when a portion of land was
10 carved out for the creation of Delta County; and

11 WHEREAS, Lamar County's namesake was the fourth president of
12 the Republic of Texas, Mirabeau B. Lamar; the small settlement of
13 Lafayette was the first county seat, and Mount Vernon later served
14 briefly in that capacity until the town of Paris was founded on 50
15 acres donated by George W. Wright; Paris has served as the county
16 seat since 1844; and

17 WHEREAS, At the turn of the century, Lamar County remained
18 primarily rural, and although the population of Paris had grown to
19 more than 9,000, no other community exceeded 1,000 residents; the
20 industrial economy gradually began to make gains on agriculture in
21 the 20th century as people moved into towns and smaller
22 communities, and Paris played an increasingly important role in the
23 economy of Northeast Texas; and

24 WHEREAS, Today, Paris is a regional hub of retail trade,

1 farming, and medical care and home to Fortune 500 companies
2 Campbell Soup Company, Kimberly-Clark Corporation, and NextEra
3 Energy Resources; the city is located within an excellent
4 multimodal transportation network, and in addition to numerous food
5 and consumer goods manufacturing plants, it is home to distribution
6 centers that serve the entire nation; and

7 WHEREAS, Quality of life in Paris is enhanced by Paris Junior
8 College and several excellent independent school districts and by
9 such beautiful recreation areas as Wade Park, Lake Gibbons, Lake
10 Crook, and the Sam Bell Maxey State Historic Structure; every
11 summer, citizens enjoy the 12-mile Tour de Paris bike race and
12 concerts by the Paris Municipal Band, the oldest such ensemble in
13 the state; landmarks include the Culbertson Fountain in the
14 historic district, named "the prettiest plaza in the State of
15 Texas" by *Texas Monthly* magazine, and the "third largest Eiffel
16 Tower in the Second Largest Paris," a 65-foot-tall monument
17 constructed by local workers and capped, appropriately, with a
18 cowboy hat; and

19 WHEREAS, Lamar County is one of the Lone Star State's great
20 treasures, and it is indeed a pleasure to honor its residents as
21 they look forward to a bright and promising future; now, therefore,
22 be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
24 Legislature hereby recognize March 7-9, 2017, as Lamar County Days
25 at the State Capitol and extend to the delegation sincere best
26 wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.

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H.R. No. 214

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 214 was adopted by the House on
February 23, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House