

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Residents of Panola County are gathering in Austin  
2 on February 7, 2017, to celebrate Panola County Day at the State  
3 Capitol; and

4           WHEREAS, Located in northeastern Texas and forming part of  
5 the state's border with Louisiana, Panola County covers more than  
6 800 square miles of forests and rolling plains and is traversed by  
7 the Sabine River; the area experienced a land rush in the 1830s as  
8 settlers arrived from the southern United States; on March 30,  
9 1846, the Texas Legislature officially created Panola County, and  
10 two years later, voters chose Carthage as the county seat; and

11           WHEREAS, It is believed that Judge John Allison, a prominent  
12 civic leader, suggested the name Panola, which may be derived from  
13 the Cherokee word for cotton, *ponolo*; the area's rich soil was well  
14 suited to the crop, and cotton became the county's main  
15 agricultural product; today, Panola County enjoys a diversified  
16 economy, primarily based in oil and gas production, agriculture,  
17 food processing, and timber; the lush forests also make the county a  
18 popular destination for hiking, birding, and camping enthusiasts,  
19 while anglers enjoy the good fishing waters of Martin Creek Lake and  
20 Murvaul Lake; and

21           WHEREAS, With nearly 50 Texas Historical Commission markers,  
22 Panola County has a rich and fascinating history; it was the  
23 birthplace of several notable Texans, including Margie Elizabeth  
24 Neal, the first woman elected to serve in the Texas Senate, and

1 country music stars Tex Ritter and Jim Reeves; a museum dedicated to  
2 Mr. Ritter and a memorial devoted to Mr. Reeves are located in  
3 Carthage, as is the Texas Country Music Hall of Fame, which honors  
4 the legacies of both of these men, along with other country music  
5 legends from the state; and

6 WHEREAS, Carthage, which was named a National Main Street  
7 City in Texas in 2011, is also home to Panola College and the  
8 historic Esquire Theater, which hosts the Country Music Hayride  
9 live music show every Saturday night; other popular events taking  
10 place in the county seat include the Piney Woods Quilt Festival in  
11 April and the East Texas Oil and Gas Blast in October, which  
12 features music, a car show, and arts and crafts; in addition, the  
13 Footprints in the Sand monument, a poignant religious sculpture at  
14 Pippen Memorial Park, was completed in 2014; and

15 WHEREAS, The citizens of Panola County take great pride in  
16 their rich history as they work together to build an even brighter  
17 future, and it is indeed fitting to honor them and their unique  
18 contributions to the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
20 Legislature hereby recognize February 7, 2017, as Panola County Day  
21 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere  
22 best wishes for a memorable and meaningful visit to Austin.

Paddie

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. 325

---

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 325 was adopted by the House on February 7, 2017, by a non-record vote.

---

Chief Clerk of the House