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H.R. No. 522

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Navarro County are gathering in
2 Austin on March 7, 2017, to celebrate Navarro County Day at the
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Established with the approval of the state
5 legislature on April 25, 1846, Navarro County was named after José
6 Antonio Navarro, a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence;
7 two years later, a 100-acre plot of land was donated for the
8 creation of a county seat, with the name, Corsicana, chosen by
9 Navarro to honor his father's birthplace on the isle of Corsica; and

10 WHEREAS, The community developed as a trading and shipping
11 center after the completion of the Houston and Texas Central
12 Railroad in 1871; substantial population growth followed, and an
13 effort was made to drill for groundwater; this drilling led to the
14 discovery of oil, and consequently, the first oil boom in the state
15 of Texas, and it forever changed the economy and destiny of Navarro
16 County; more than 200 million barrels of oil have since been pumped
17 from the county, which claims the longest continuous oil flow in
18 Texas history; and

19 WHEREAS, Today, petroleum, diversified manufacturing, and
20 agriculture form the foundation of the economy; among the varied
21 crops grown in the region's fertile black loam are corn, cotton,
22 wheat, sorghum, and sunflowers, and local ranches raise beef
23 cattle, dairy cows, and horses; and

24 WHEREAS, Residents of the area benefit from the educational

1 opportunities provided by Navarro College and the recreational
2 opportunities found at Navarro Mills Lake, Lake Halbert, and
3 Richland-Chambers Reservoir; in addition, the county's fascinating
4 history is preserved at such attractions as the Pearce Museum, the
5 Glenn Cumbie Museum of Aviation and Military History, and Pioneer
6 Village; moreover, every spring the Corsicana Derrick Days festival
7 celebrates the area oil and gas industry and its economic benefits;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Even as they celebrate their rich heritage, the
10 hardworking citizens of Navarro County are looking ahead to the
11 opportunities of the future, and they may reflect with pride on
12 their contributions to the growth and prosperity of the Lone Star
13 State; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
15 Legislature hereby recognize March 7, 2017, as Navarro County Day
16 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
17 best wishes for an enjoyable and informative stay in Austin.