

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Fannin County are gathering at the  
2 Texas State Capitol on February 28, 2017, to celebrate Fannin  
3 County Day, and this occasion provides an opportunity to recognize  
4 the rich history and significant accomplishments of this notable  
5 part of the Lone Star State; and

6 WHEREAS, The first nonnative settlements in the area that  
7 would become Fannin County were established in 1836, the year Texas  
8 won its independence from Mexico; when the county was formed the  
9 following year, it took its name from Colonel James Walker Fannin,  
10 Jr., a commander in the Texas revolutionary army, who had been  
11 killed in the Goliad Massacre; Bonham, the county seat, was named  
12 for another hero of the Texas Revolution, James Bonham, who died at  
13 the Alamo and who is now honored with a statue at the county  
14 courthouse; and

15 WHEREAS, A land of gently rolling hills that are bounded by  
16 the Red River to the north, Fannin County provides good land for  
17 farming and ranching, and those pursuits have been economic  
18 mainstays since the county was established; today, cattle, corn,  
19 wheat, milo, pecans, and hay are key products, and the many acres of  
20 farmland in the county create a tranquil, pastoral landscape; other  
21 industries, such as communications and manufacturing, help to  
22 strengthen and diversify the economy; and

23 WHEREAS, Bonham, with a population of approximately 10,000,  
24 is the county's largest city; it was the hometown of Sam Rayburn,

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1 the legendary Texas politician who was a member of Congress for 48  
2 years and who still ranks as the longest-serving speaker of the U.S.  
3 House of Representatives; his legacy is recalled at the Sam Rayburn  
4 Library and Museum and at the Sam Rayburn House Museum; in addition,  
5 Bonham is the site of the Fannin County Museum of History, the  
6 Creative Arts Center, and Fort Inglish Park, which contains several  
7 restored log cabins from the 1830s and a replica of the stockade  
8 erected in the vicinity by early settlers; and

9 WHEREAS, The county also offers a number of attractions for  
10 outdoor enthusiasts; Lake Bonham comprises more than 1,000 acres of  
11 water, and is bordered by a golf course and camping facilities;  
12 other lakes are found at Bonham State Park and the Caddo National  
13 Grasslands preserve, which offer opportunities for hiking,  
14 fishing, biking, and other activities; and

15 WHEREAS, The hardworking residents of Fannin County may take  
16 pride in their area's rich history, productive businesses, and  
17 abundant recreational activities, and it is indeed fitting to pay  
18 tribute to their many contributions to the State of Texas; now,  
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
21 Legislature hereby recognize February 28, 2017, as Fannin County  
22 Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation  
23 sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in 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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 647 was adopted by the House on February 28, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House