

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Proud citizens of Ward County are gathering in  
2 Austin on February 28, 2017, to celebrate Ward County Day at the  
3 State Capitol; and

4           WHEREAS, The territory of Ward County was originally home to  
5 the Apache and Comanche Indians, and in 1881, the Texas and Pacific  
6 Railway built a line through the region, with stations at Barstow  
7 and Monahans; the county was created out of part of Tom Green County  
8 in 1887 and named for Thomas "Peg Leg" Ward, a soldier in the Texas  
9 Revolution who lost his leg to a cannonball; a center for ranching  
10 and farming in its early years, the county was transformed by the  
11 discovery of oil and gas in the 1920s; during World War II, it was  
12 the site of Pyote Army Air Field, and in 1957, the Monahans  
13 Sandhills State Historic Park was created in the county's northeast  
14 corner; and

15           WHEREAS, Monahans, the Ward County seat, was founded in 1880  
16 by an Irishman named John Thomas Monahan, an employee of the Texas  
17 and Pacific who found water at the site, and it was incorporated in  
18 1928; and

19           WHEREAS, Situated at the hub of the Permian Basin, the town  
20 boasts a welcoming business environment facilitated by easy access  
21 to two railroads and two interstate highways; today, the area is  
22 stronger and busier than ever, with a commitment by city and county  
23 officials to upgrade the county's infrastructure and accommodate  
24 the growing need for housing, industry, and retail; and

1           WHEREAS, Even as they celebrate their rich heritage, the  
2 hardworking people of Ward County are looking ahead to the  
3 opportunities of the future, and they may reflect with pride on  
4 their contributions to the story of the Lone Star State; now,  
5 therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby recognize February 28, 2017, as Ward County Day  
8 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere  
9 best wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.

Landgraf

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. 655

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 655 was adopted by the House on February 28, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House