

R E S O L U T I O N

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

4           WHEREAS, Situated among the rugged, scenic mountains of the  
5 Trans-Pecos region of West Texas, the county was originally home to  
6 the fierce Mescalero Apaches; in 1859, a cavalry outpost was  
7 established at the Van Horn Wells, one of the few reliable sources  
8 of water in the area; the last major Native American battle in the  
9 State of Texas was fought in the region in 1881, at the mouth of Bass  
10 Canyon in the Sierra Diablo mountains; and

11           WHEREAS, The town of Van Horn was founded in the late 1870s,  
12 and in 1881, it became a stop on the Texas and Pacific Railway; and

13           WHEREAS, Formed from El Paso County in 1911, Culberson County  
14 was named for Civil War veteran and former U.S. congressman David  
15 B. Culberson; Van Horn, by now a prosperous shipping point for  
16 cattle, became the county seat; in 1953, oil was discovered in the  
17 region, and the county later became a major oil producer in the  
18 state; and

19           WHEREAS, Today, tourists are drawn to the area by its austere  
20 beauty and colorful history; the county is the gateway to Guadalupe  
21 Mountains National Park, a haven for hikers and nature lovers and  
22 home to the highest mountain in Texas, Guadalupe Peak; hunters are  
23 drawn by the mule deer, pronghorn antelope, and upland game birds;  
24 and

1           WHEREAS, Blessed with great natural beauty and a rich  
2 history, the people of Culberson County may indeed take great pride  
3 in their unique contribution to the heritage and culture of the Lone  
4 Star State; now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby recognize February 28, 2017, as Culberson County  
7 Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation  
8 sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.

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H.R. No. 693

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 693 was adopted by the House on March 16, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House