

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents are joining together to celebrate
2 Austin County Day at the State Capitol on April 5, 2017; and

3 WHEREAS, Situated between the Post Oak Savannah and the
4 Coastal Prairie regions, the Austin County area became part of
5 Stephen F. Austin's first colony in the early 1820s; the town of San
6 Felipe de Austin was the administrative seat of the colony, and it
7 played an important role in the Texas Revolution, hosting the
8 conventions of 1832 and 1833 and briefly serving as the capital of
9 the provisional government; and

10 WHEREAS, Austin County was created by the Constitution of
11 1836 and was formally organized a year later; San Felipe was the
12 county seat until 1848, when the county government was moved to the
13 new community of Bellville; and

14 WHEREAS, Blessed with an abundance of water, grassland, and
15 forests, the county attracted settlers engaged in agriculture, and
16 a number of towns grew substantially during the 19th century,
17 including Bellville and Wallis and the railroad towns of Sealy and
18 Kenney; German and Czech immigrants also arrived in Austin County,
19 and their influence is felt throughout the region in the societies
20 that they established and the many communities they founded; the
21 cultural mosaic of the county has been further enriched by
22 immigrants from Mexico, the largest foreign-born group to settle
23 there in the 20th century, and by African Americans, who played a
24 fundamental role in the county's development and in the creation of

1 numerous social and religious institutions; and

2 WHEREAS, Among the prominent Texans who have resided in
3 Austin County was Gail Borden Jr., a surveyor and newspaper
4 publisher who later invented a successful process for condensing
5 milk; another early citizen, Robert Justus Kleberg, fought in the
6 Battle of San Jacinto and held several prestigious public offices;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Today, visitors and residents alike can explore the
9 county's rich heritage, preserved at the San Felipe de Austin State
10 Historic Site and in rural communities throughout the area, and
11 they enjoy hunting and fishing opportunities as well as a wealth of
12 special recreational events; and

13 WHEREAS, Honoring their history as they embrace the
14 opportunities of the future, the citizens of Austin County may
15 indeed take great pride in their unique contributions to the story
16 of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
18 Legislature hereby recognize April 5, 2017, as Austin County Day at
19 the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
20 best wishes for a meaningful and memorable event.

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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

H.R. No. 1078

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1078 was adopted by the House on April 5, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House