

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Burleson County are gathering in
2 Austin on March 29, 2017, to celebrate the unique role their county
3 has played in the history and culture of the Lone Star State; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated among rolling hills and along the broad
5 valley of the Brazos River, the rich farmland of Burleson County
6 drew Anglo-Americans to settle there during the 1820s; the Mexican
7 government placed a fort along the western bank of the Brazos to
8 stem the tide of new inhabitants, but the fort's commander,
9 Lieutenant Colonel Jose Francisco Ruiz, eventually sided with the
10 Texans and became a signer of the Texas Declaration of
11 Independence; and

12 WHEREAS, The town of Caldwell was founded in 1840, and six
13 years later the state legislature established Burleson County,
14 naming it after Texas revolutionary hero General Edward Burleson
15 and choosing Caldwell as the county seat; during the last half of
16 the 19th century, European immigrants, especially Germans,
17 Austrians, Czechs, and Italians, moved to the area and often set up
18 their own communities; and

19 WHEREAS, Burleson County is part of the Presidential Corridor
20 linking the LBJ Presidential Library in Austin and the George Bush
21 Presidential Library and Museum in College Station; only 90 minutes
22 from Houston and less than three hours from San Antonio to the
23 southwest and Dallas/Fort Worth to the north, the county's central
24 location serves as a friendly passage for thousands of travelers,

1 many of whom stay at the county's motels, bed and breakfast
2 establishments, and campgrounds and take advantage of its numerous
3 fine attractions; and

4 WHEREAS, Visitors and residents alike enjoy the county's
5 seasonal festivals, such as the Chilifest and Snook Fest in Snook,
6 and the Great Texas LakeFest, which draws thousands of people to
7 Welch Park along scenic Lake Somerville; they also may celebrate
8 the county's Czech heritage at the Kolache Festival, held every
9 September in Caldwell, which was proclaimed the Kolache Capital of
10 Texas by the Texas Legislature in 1989; and

11 WHEREAS, The county's history is on display at the Kraitchar
12 House Museum, the Somerville Area Museum, the Burleson County Czech
13 Heritage Museum, the Caldwell Visitors Center Museum, and the
14 Burleson County Historical Museum, and throughout the county are 66
15 historical markers and 120 historic cemeteries; there are also the
16 opportunities for recreation afforded by Davidson Creek Park in
17 Caldwell and the city parks in Somerville and Snook; and

18 WHEREAS, Honoring the past as they work toward an even
19 brighter future, the citizens of Burleson County may take great
20 pride in the role their communities continue to play in the story of
21 the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
23 Legislature hereby recognize March 29, 2017, as Burleson County Day
24 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
25 best wishes for an informative and enjoyable 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

H.R. No. 1079

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1079 was adopted by the House on March 29, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House