

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Val Verde County are gathering in
2 Austin on April 12, 2017, to celebrate Val Verde County Day at the
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, The brushlands along the Rio Grande were first
5 inhabited more than 6,000 years ago by native peoples whose cave
6 paintings are still visible; the Spanish arrived in the 1590s,
7 encountering the Lipan Apaches and the Comanches, and in the 1850s
8 and after the Civil War, a series of military camps were set up in
9 the area; and

10 WHEREAS, The community of San Felipe Del Rio was founded in
11 1868, and Val Verde County was organized in 1885; that same year,
12 the colorful Judge Roy Bean was elected justice of the peace in
13 Langtry, where he became known as "the Law West of the Pecos,"
14 making his distinctive rulings from the Jersey Lilly Saloon; and

15 WHEREAS, County seat Del Rio today is a cultural center for
16 the area; it is home to campuses of Southwest Texas Junior College
17 and Sul Ross State University, as well as to the Upstagers Community
18 Theatre, which presents several productions each year; and

19 WHEREAS, Since its earliest days, Val Verde County has been a
20 center for sheep and goat ranching, and the wool and mohair
21 industries continue to be central to its economy; other important
22 employers include Laughlin Air Force Base, the U.S. Border Patrol,
23 and the National Park Service; and

24 WHEREAS, Tourism and trade with Mexico are also part of the

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1 life of the county; opportunities for boating, fishing, birding,
2 and hiking are afforded by the Amistad National Recreation Area,
3 and the Whitehead Memorial Museum in Del Rio and the Judge Roy Bean
4 Visitor Center in Langtry attract visitors interested in the
5 heritage of the county's frontier days; and

6 WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich history as they work to build
7 an even brighter future, the people of Val Verde County may take
8 great pride in the important role their unique region continues to
9 play in the story of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
11 Legislature hereby recognize April 12, 2017, as Val Verde County
12 Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation
13 sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.

Nevárez

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. 1382 was adopted by the House on April 12, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House