

By: Gonzales of Williamson

H.R. No. 1489

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud citizens of Hutto are gathering in Austin on  
2 May 9, 2017, to celebrate Hutto Day at the State Capitol; and

3 WHEREAS, Situated on the rich blackland soils of southeastern  
4 Williamson County, the Hutto area was settled in 1855 by James E.  
5 Hutto, a Swedish pioneer, and Adam Orgain, a freed slave; the town,  
6 which was founded in 1876 around a depot of the International-Great  
7 Northern Railroad, soon became a center for cotton farming, and it  
8 was incorporated in 1911; and

9 WHEREAS, More than a century later, Hutto benefits from its  
10 location at the intersection of two major highways, US 79 and SH  
11 130, and its proximity to the NAFTA corridor along I-35; the city's  
12 population has soared from 1,450 in 2000 to an estimated 23,000  
13 today, and its welcoming environment for business has earned it  
14 recognition from *Southern Business and Development* magazine as one  
15 of the Top 10 Edge Markets and one of the Top 100 Best Places in the  
16 South to Locate Your Company; in 2016, Hutto was named the Seventh  
17 Fastest Growing Small City in America by Zippia, the Second Best  
18 City to Live in Texas by Best Places Now, and the Second Safest City  
19 in Texas by Wide Open Country; and

20 WHEREAS, The Hutto Independent School District is one of the  
21 fastest growing districts in Texas, and the district's school board  
22 was honored for its contributions to education in 2014, when it was  
23 named the Region 13 Honor Board by the Texas Association of School  
24 Administrators; the city is also increasing opportunities for adult

1 students, and the 57-acre campus of the East Williamson County  
2 Higher Education Center, a partnership between Temple College,  
3 Texas State Technical College, and Texas A&M University--Central  
4 Texas, has continued to expand its course offerings since opening  
5 in 2013; in addition, Hutto residents approved funding for the  
6 creation of a park system and the 35,000-square-foot Hutto Family  
7 YMCA facility, which opened in January 2014; and

8         WHEREAS, Home to an educated workforce, a motivated city  
9 government, and a healthy business climate, Hutto is building on  
10 its rich, small-town heritage of hard work and neighborliness to  
11 prepare itself for a dynamic future as a smart place to live, work,  
12 and prosper; now, therefore, be it

13         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
14 Legislature hereby recognize May 9, 2017, as Hutto Day at the State  
15 Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes  
16 for a meaningful and memorable visit to Austin.