

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 256**

**WHEREAS**, Proud residents of Zavala County are gathering in Austin on February 21, 2017, to celebrate Zavala County Day at the State Capitol; and

**WHEREAS**, Situated in the Winter Garden region of South Texas, Zavala County covers nearly 1,300 square miles of fertile plains and wild brushland and is bisected by the Nueces River; the county was created by the First Legislature of Texas in 1846 and named for Lorenzo de Zavala, a Mexican colonist and signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence; and

**WHEREAS**, The economy is supported by livestock and grain, fruit, and vegetable farming; hunting and fishing opportunities abound, and notable communities include Crystal City, La Pryor, and Batesville; and

**WHEREAS**, Crystal City was laid out in 1905 and named for the clear waters of a nearby artesian well; by 1908, the town had a post office, a school, and a stop on the Uvalde Railway, and in 1928, it was named the county seat; and

**WHEREAS**, The city is a hub for farming, ranching, and food processing, with the Del Monte Corporation cannery contributing to the economy of the region; self-styled as the Spinach Capital of the World, the city holds a Spinach Festival that draws tens of thousands of visitors every November with such activities as a cook-off, a carnival and parade, and musical performances; and

**WHEREAS**, The citizens of Zavala County take great pride in their rich history as they work together to build an even brighter

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future, and it is indeed fitting to honor their unique contributions to the story of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby recognize February 21, 2017, as Zavala County Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 21, 2017.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate