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H.R. No. 78

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Bee County are gathering at the
2 State Capitol to celebrate Bee County Day on March 13, 2019; and

3 WHEREAS, While artifacts indicate that the region was
4 originally inhabited 6,000 to 10,000 years ago, the first permanent
5 European settlers arrived in the early 19th century, and 11 area
6 landowners were among the signers of the Texas Declaration of
7 Independence; and

8 WHEREAS, Bee County was officially organized on January 25,
9 1858, and named for Barnard E. Bee Sr., a South Carolina attorney,
10 soldier, and statesman who joined the Army of the Republic of Texas
11 and later served as secretary of war under Sam Houston; and

12 WHEREAS, Located in the South Texas Plains vegetation region,
13 the county covers 866 square miles that slope gently toward the Gulf
14 Coast, and with open expanses of grasslands, its economy is
15 dominated by farming, ranching, and agribusiness, along with oil
16 and gas operations; Beeville is the county seat, and other towns in
17 the county include Skidmore, Blue Berry Hill, Pettus, Tuleta,
18 Tynan, Pawnee, Normanna, and Mineral; and

19 WHEREAS, Bee County citizens can take pride in an array of
20 attractions for residents and visitors to explore; Beeville has
21 successfully revitalized its downtown district and has been named a
22 Texas Main Street City by the Texas Historical Commission; Coastal
23 Bend College-Beeville offers occupational as well as academic
24 classes for its students, and it has the oldest academic

1 educational glassblowing facility in the state; the Beeville Art
2 Museum, which is funded by the Joe Barnhart Foundation, is housed in
3 the beautiful and historic Esther Barnhart House; in addition,
4 visitors come from all across Texas to celebrate the state's rich
5 traditions at Western Week; and

6 WHEREAS, Residents of Bee County are working together to
7 build a brighter future, and this special day provides a fitting
8 opportunity to pay tribute to the county and its people; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
11 Legislature hereby recognize March 13, 2019, as Bee County Day at
12 the State Capitol and extend to those visiting today sincere best
13 wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.