

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Jim Wells County are assembling at the
2 State Capitol on February 19, 2019, to celebrate the importance of
3 their home to the history of the State of Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, A landscape of sweeping grasslands and wide
5 horizons, the county's early inhabitants enjoyed the region's mild
6 winters and abundant game; after the first European settlement in
7 1754, at Penitas Creek, Mexican ranchers developed land grants into
8 sheep and cattle ranches; in 1848 the region became part of the
9 State of Texas, and it was formally incorporated as a county in 1911
10 and named after the prominent developer and attorney James B. Wells
11 Jr.; and

12 WHEREAS, With the arrival of the railroad in the 1870s, Alice
13 became the most important livestock shipment junction in South
14 Texas, and ranching has remained a mainstay of the county's economy
15 ever since; cotton and sorghum are important crops, as are hay,
16 corn, and wheat; since the discovery of oil in the area in 1931, the
17 county has become one of the state's leaders in oil production; and

18 WHEREAS, Notable communities in Jim Wells County include
19 Orange Grove, Ben Bolt-Palito Blanco, Premont, Sandia, and La
20 Gloria; the county seat, Alice is a center for health care, with an
21 outstanding medical facility, the CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Alice;
22 the Tejano R.O.O.T.S. Hall of Fame in Alice honors Tejano culture
23 and recognizes the region as the birthplace of this popular musical
24 genre; area culture is further showcased at the South Texas Museum,

1 housed in the historic McGill Brothers Building, and the annual
2 Fiesta Bandana, celebrating Cinco de Mayo, is a highlight of the
3 county's cultural calendar; and

4 WHEREAS, Celebrating their vibrant heritage as they embrace
5 the opportunities of the future, the citizens of Jim Wells County
6 are building on a long tradition of industry, achievement, and
7 public spirit, and they are indeed deserving of special
8 recognition; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
10 Legislature hereby recognize February 19, 2019, as Jim Wells County
11 Day at the State Capitol and extend to its residents sincere best
12 wishes for a meaningful and memorable visit to Austin.

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Bonnen of Brazoria	Guerra	Oliverson
Allen	Guillen	Ortega
Allison	Gutierrez	Pacheco
Anchia	Harless	Paddie
Anderson	Harris	Parker
Ashby	Hefner	Patterson
Bailes	Hernandez	Paul
Beckley	Herrero	Perez
Bell of Kaufman	Hinojosa	Phelan
Bell of Montgomery	Holland	Price
Bernal	Howard	Ramos
Biedermann	Huberty	Raney
Blanco	Hunter	Raymond
Bohac	Israel	Reynolds
Bonnen of Galveston	E. Johnson of Dallas	Rodriguez
Bowers	J. Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Buckley	Johnson of Harris	Rose
Bucy	Kacal	Rosenthal
Burns	King of Hemphill	Sanford
Burrows	King of Parker	Schaefer
Button	King of Uvalde	Shaheen
Cain	Klick	Sheffield
Calanni	Krause	Sherman, Sr.
Canales	Kuempel	Shine
Capriglione	Lambert	Smith
Clardy	Landgraf	Smithee
Cole	Lang	Springer
Coleman	Larson	Stephenson
Collier	Leach	Stickland
Cortez	Leman	Stucky
Craddick	Longoria	Swanson
Cyrier	Lozano	Talarico
Darby	Lucio III	Thierry
Davis of Dallas	Martinez	Thompson of Brazoria
Davis of Harris	Martinez Fischer	Thompson of Harris
Dean	Metcalf	Tinderholt
Deshotel	Meyer	Toth
Dominguez	Meza	Turner of Dallas
Dutton	Middleton	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miller	VanDeaver
Fierro	Minjarez	Vo
Flynn	Moody	Walle
Frank	Morrison	White
Frullo	Muñoz, Jr.	Wilson
Geren	Murphy	Wray
Gervin-Hawkins	Murr	Wu
Goldman	Neave	Zedler
González of Dallas	Nevárez	Zerwas
González of El Paso	Noble	Zwiener
Goodwin		

H.R. No. 79

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 79 was adopted by the House on February 19, 2019, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House