

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Proud residents of Culberson County are gathering in  
2 Austin to celebrate Culberson County Day at the State Capitol; and

3           WHEREAS, Situated among the rugged, scenic mountains of the  
4 Trans-Pecos region of West Texas, the county was originally home to  
5 the fierce Mescalero Apaches; in 1859, a cavalry outpost was  
6 established at the Van Horn Wells, one of the few reliable sources  
7 of water in the area; the last major Native American battle in the  
8 State of Texas was fought in the region in 1881, at the mouth of Bass  
9 Canyon in the Sierra Diablo mountains; and

10          WHEREAS, The town of Van Horn was founded in the late 1870s,  
11 and in 1881, it became a stop on the Texas and Pacific Railway; and

12          WHEREAS, Formed from El Paso County in 1911, Culberson County  
13 was named for Civil War veteran and former U.S. congressman David  
14 B. Culberson; Van Horn, by now a prosperous shipping point for  
15 cattle, became the county seat; in 1953, oil was discovered in the  
16 region, and the county later became a major oil producer in the  
17 state; and

18          WHEREAS, Today, tourists are drawn to the area by its austere  
19 beauty and colorful history; the county is the gateway to Guadalupe  
20 Mountains National Park, a haven for hikers and nature lovers and  
21 home to the highest mountain in Texas, Guadalupe Peak; hunters are  
22 drawn by the mule deer, pronghorn antelope, and upland game birds;  
23 and

24          WHEREAS, Blessed with great natural beauty and a rich

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1 history, Culberson County is home to outstanding Texans who may  
2 indeed take great pride in their unique contribution to the  
3 heritage and culture of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby recognize Culberson County Day at the State  
6 Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes  
7 for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 204 was adopted by the House on  
February 6, 2019, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House