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H.R. No. 231

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Hopkins County are gathering in Austin
2 on February 28, 2019, to celebrate Hopkins County Day at the State
3 Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Hopkins County has an area of 789 square miles with
5 both blackland prairie and piney wood terrain; originally inhabited
6 by the Caddo and then the Cherokee people, the county was created in
7 1846 and named for a family of pioneers; and

8 WHEREAS, Corn, wheat, sheep, and cattle were important in the
9 19th century, but cotton became the dominant crop between 1890 and
10 1930; in 1937 the Carnation Milk Company opened a processing plant
11 in the county, and its presence, in conjunction with better road and
12 rail transportation, allowed dairy farming to become the major
13 agricultural undertaking; by 1990 the county boasted nearly 500
14 dairies supplying 17 percent of the state's total milk; and

15 WHEREAS, Today, population in the county has grown to about
16 36,000, with 16,000 people living in the county seat, Sulphur
17 Springs; dairy production continues to be a mainstay of the
18 economy, along with food processing and distribution, cattle
19 raising, and horse breeding; and

20 WHEREAS, Sulphur Springs features a number of popular
21 attractions, including the Southwest Dairy Museum and Education
22 Center, the Leo St. Clair Music Box Museum, and the Hopkins County
23 Museum and Heritage Park; the city's striking all-glass restroom
24 downtown has drawn national attention and was the first of its kind

1 in the United States; moreover, the area is a well-known center for
2 aquatic recreation, with Lake Fork and Cooper Lake State Park
3 offering opportunities for trophy bass fishing, as well as boating
4 and swimming; bird-watchers, hikers, and campers also seek out the
5 county, and special events like the Texas State Champion Homemade
6 Ice Cream Freeze Off at the Hopkins County Dairy Festival in June
7 are enjoyed by residents and visitors alike; and

8 WHEREAS, Citizens of Hopkins County are working to build a
9 prosperous future even as they honor the achievements of the past,
10 and they may take great pride in the history and character of their
11 notable region; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize February 28, 2019, as Hopkins County
14 Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation
15 sincere best wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in
16 Austin.