

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Kenedy County are gathering in Austin
2 on March 5, 2019, for Kenedy County Day at the State Capitol; and

3 WHEREAS, Situated along the Gulf of Mexico in South Texas,
4 this region of coastal brush and grassland was first inhabited some
5 11,000 years ago by hunter-gatherers who lived off game, wild
6 fruits, seeds, and roots; later, it was home to the Coahuiltecan and
7 Lipan Apache peoples until the late 1700s and the arrival of the
8 Spanish, who established large cattle ranches; and

9 WHEREAS, Anglo-Americans began to settle in the area in the
10 1800s, and the famous King Ranch was founded by Mifflin Kenedy and
11 Richard King; the ranch eventually grew to 825,000 acres; named for
12 the cofounder of the King Ranch, Kenedy County was established in
13 1921 as part of the reorganization of Willacy, Cameron, and Hidalgo
14 Counties, and the county seat was situated in Sarita, where the King
15 Ranch had its headquarters; and

16 WHEREAS, Today approximately 400 residents continue to ranch
17 and raise cattle, as well as work in the oil and gas industry; Padre
18 Island National Seashore runs along the gulf coast boundary, and
19 visitors are drawn by the fine opportunities for hunting, fishing,
20 and bird-watching; and

21 WHEREAS, Blessed with spacious skies, vast ranchlands, and
22 miles of coastland, Kenedy County has played a memorable role in the
23 story of Texas, and its residents may indeed take great pride in
24 their history as they look forward to a future bright with promise;

1 now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
3 Legislature hereby recognize March 5, 2019, as Kenedy County Day at
4 the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
5 best wishes for a meaningful and enjoyable stay in Austin.

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H.R. No. 249

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 249 was adopted by the House on March 5, 2019, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House