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H.R. No. 261

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Many proud citizens of Dimmit County are visiting  
2 Austin on February 12, 2019, to celebrate Dimmit County Day at the  
3 State Capitol; and

4           WHEREAS, Dimmit County was named after Philip Dimmitt, one of  
5 the framers of the Goliad Declaration of Independence; established  
6 in 1858, it was formally organized in 1880 with Carrizo Springs as  
7 its county seat; the town flourished, and by 1890, the county was  
8 home to nearly 100 farms and ranches, averaging over 4,000 acres in  
9 size; and

10           WHEREAS, In the first decades of the 20th century, the use of  
11 underground water facilitated the introduction of commercial  
12 agriculture, bringing new settlers and soaring land values; the  
13 long growing season and new irrigation methods combined to make the  
14 county one of the most prolific vegetable-growing areas in the  
15 country, and it gained recognition as part of the Texas Winter  
16 Garden Region; and

17           WHEREAS, Drought and the Great Depression took a toll on  
18 agriculture in the county in the first half of the 20th century, but  
19 vegetable farming rebounded following World War II; later, ranching  
20 regained dominance in the economy, and oil and gas production  
21 became increasingly important; the area continues to be known for  
22 its abundance of mineral resources, and investment in the Eagle  
23 Ford Shale has brought rapid development and a rush of newcomers;  
24 and

1           WHEREAS, The people of Dimmit County take great pride in  
2 their rich history as they work together to build an even brighter  
3 future, and it is indeed fitting that they be honored for their  
4 contributions to the story of the Lone Star State; now, therefore,  
5 be it

6           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby recognize February 12, 2019, as Dimmit County  
8 Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation  
9 sincere best wishes for an enjoyable and informative stay in  
10 Austin.