

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Residents of Del Rio and Val Verde County are  
2 gathering in Austin to celebrate Val Verde County-Del Rio Day at the  
3 State Capitol; and

4           WHEREAS, The brushlands along the Rio Grande were first  
5 inhabited more than 6,000 years ago by native peoples whose cave  
6 paintings are still visible; the community of San Felipe Del Rio was  
7 established in 1868, and Val Verde County was organized in 1885;  
8 that same year, the colorful Judge Roy Bean was elected justice of  
9 the peace in Langtry, where he became known as "the Law West of the  
10 Pecos," making his distinctive rulings from the Jersey Lilly  
11 Saloon; and

12           WHEREAS, County seat Del Rio today is a cultural center for  
13 the area; it is home to campuses of Southwest Texas Junior College  
14 and Sul Ross State University, as well as to the Upstagers, a  
15 community theater in operation since 1977; and

16           WHEREAS, Since its earliest days, Val Verde County has been a  
17 center for sheep and goat ranching, and the wool and mohair  
18 industries continue to be central to its economy; other important  
19 employers include Laughlin Air Force Base, the U.S. Border Patrol,  
20 and the National Park Service; and

21           WHEREAS, Tourism and trade with Mexico are also part of the  
22 life of the county; opportunities for boating, fishing, birding,  
23 and hiking are found at the Amistad National Recreation Area, and  
24 the Whitehead Memorial Museum in Del Rio and the Judge Roy Bean

1 Visitor Center in Langtry attract visitors interested in the  
2 heritage of the county's frontier days; and

3 WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich history as they work to build  
4 an even brighter future, the people of Val Verde County may take  
5 great pride in the important role their unique region continues to  
6 play in the story of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby recognize Val Verde County-Del Rio Day at the  
9 State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best  
10 wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.

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H.R. No. 281

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 281 was adopted by the House on  
February 13, 2019, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House