

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Proud residents of Pecos County are coming together  
2 in Austin to observe Pecos County Day at the State Capitol; and

3           WHEREAS, A region characterized by desert brushland, stately  
4 mesas, and arroyos, Pecos County was formally established in 1871  
5 by the Texas Legislature and named for the Pecos River that flows  
6 along the county's northern boundary; the county seat of Fort  
7 Stockton derives its name from the area's first permanent  
8 settlement, an army outpost installed in 1859 to guard the postal  
9 route; with its favorable proximity to Comanche Springs, Fort  
10 Stockton developed into a supply center for the military, mail  
11 carriers, wagon trains, and travelers and was the site of one of the  
12 first modern attempts at irrigation farming in Texas; and

13           WHEREAS, Construction of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient  
14 Railway Company of Texas in 1913 contributed to the economy, and  
15 irrigation projects also attracted land buyers, spurring the  
16 creation of communities like Baldrige, Girvin, Imperial,  
17 Chancellor, Belding, and Buena Vista; and

18           WHEREAS, The discovery of oil at Yates Field in 1927 opened  
19 what would become one of the largest oil fields in the country, and  
20 the county subsequently experienced an oil boom that gave rise to  
21 the towns of Red Barn, Iraan, and Bakersfield; and

22           WHEREAS, Today, petroleum continues to be the foundation of  
23 the county's economy, while the area produces cantaloupes, carrots,  
24 bell peppers, peaches, and pecans, and livestock raised include

1 cattle, sheep, and Angora goats; and

2 WHEREAS, An array of cultural events attracts residents and  
3 visitors alike, including the Pecos County Livestock Show and  
4 various rodeos, cook-offs, community theater productions, country  
5 and folk music concerts, and holiday celebrations; and

6 WHEREAS, Pecos County is a unique and fascinating part of the  
7 Lone Star State, and it is most fitting to take this opportunity to  
8 honor its citizens for working to preserve their colorful past  
9 while they build an even brighter future for the region they call  
10 home; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby recognize Pecos County Day at the State Capitol  
13 and extend to the visiting delegation best wishes for a meaningful  
14 and memorable stay in Austin.

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H.R. No. 287

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 287 was adopted by the House on  
February 26, 2019, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House