

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Residents of Panola County are gathering in Austin  
2 on February 19, 2019, to celebrate Panola County Day at the State  
3 Capitol; and

4           WHEREAS, Located in northeastern Texas and forming part of  
5 the state's border with Louisiana, Panola County covers more than  
6 800 square miles of forests and rolling plains and is traversed by  
7 the Sabine River; on March 30, 1846, the Texas Legislature  
8 officially created Panola County, and two years later, voters chose  
9 Carthage as the county seat; and

10           WHEREAS, It is believed that Judge John Allison, a prominent  
11 civic leader, suggested the name Panola, which may be derived from  
12 the Cherokee word for cotton, *ponolo*; the area's rich soil was well  
13 suited to the crop, and cotton became the county's main  
14 agricultural product; today, Panola County enjoys a diversified  
15 economy, primarily based in oil and gas production, agriculture,  
16 food processing, and timber; the lush forests also make the county a  
17 popular destination for hiking, birding, and camping enthusiasts,  
18 while anglers enjoy the good fishing waters of Martin Creek Lake and  
19 Murvaul Lake; and

20           WHEREAS, With nearly 50 Texas Historical Commission markers,  
21 Panola County has a rich and fascinating history; it was the  
22 birthplace of several notable Texans, including Margie Elizabeth  
23 Neal, the first woman elected to serve in the Texas Senate, and  
24 country music stars Tex Ritter and Jim Reeves; a museum dedicated to

1 Mr. Ritter and a memorial devoted to Mr. Reeves are located in  
2 Carthage, as is the Texas Country Music Hall of Fame, which honors  
3 the legacies of both of these men, along with other country music  
4 legends from the state; and

5 WHEREAS, Carthage, which was named a National Main Street  
6 City in Texas in 2011, is also home to Panola College and the  
7 historic Esquire Theater, which hosts the Country Music Hayride  
8 live music show every Saturday night; other popular events taking  
9 place in the county seat include the Piney Woods Quilt Festival in  
10 April and the Potlatch in October, which features a karaoke  
11 contest, a car show, and arts and crafts; in addition, the  
12 Footprints in the Sand monument, a poignant religious sculpture at  
13 Phippen Memorial Park, was completed in 2014; and

14 WHEREAS, The citizens of Panola County take great pride in  
15 their rich history as they work together to build an even brighter  
16 future, and it is indeed fitting to honor them and their unique  
17 contributions to the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
19 Legislature hereby recognize February 19, 2019, as Panola County  
20 Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation  
21 sincere best wishes for an enjoyable and informative stay in  
22 Austin.

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| Allen               | Guillen              | Ortega               |
| Allison             | Gutierrez            | Pacheco              |
| Anchia              | Harless              | Paddie               |
| Anderson            | Harris               | Parker               |
| Ashby               | Hefner               | Patterson            |
| Bailes              | Hernandez            | Paul                 |
| Beckley             | Herrero              | Perez                |
| Bell of Kaufman     | Hinojosa             | Phelan               |
| Bell of Montgomery  | Holland              | Price                |
| Bernal              | Howard               | Ramos                |
| Biedermann          | Huberty              | Raney                |
| Blanco              | Hunter               | Raymond              |
| Bohac               | Israel               | Reynolds             |
| Bonnen of Galveston | E. Johnson of Dallas | Rodriguez            |
| Bowers              | J. Johnson of Dallas | Romero, Jr.          |
| Buckley             | Johnson of Harris    | Rose                 |
| Bucy                | Kacal                | Rosenthal            |
| Burns               | King of Hemphill     | Sanford              |
| Burrows             | King of Parker       | Schaefer             |
| Button              | King of Uvalde       | Shaheen              |
| Cain                | Klick                | Sheffield            |
| Calanni             | Krause               | Sherman, Sr.         |
| Canales             | Kuempel              | Shine                |
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| Cole                | Lang                 | Springer             |
| Coleman             | Larson               | Stephenson           |
| Collier             | Leach                | Stickland            |
| Cortez              | Leman                | Stucky               |
| Craddick            | Longoria             | Swanson              |
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| Darby               | Lucio III            | Thierry              |
| Davis of Dallas     | Martinez             | Thompson of Brazoria |
| Davis of Harris     | Martinez Fischer     | Thompson of Harris   |
| Dean                | Metcalf              | Tinderholt           |
| Deshotel            | Meyer                | Toth                 |
| Dominguez           | Meza                 | Turner of Dallas     |
| Dutton              | Middleton            | Turner of Tarrant    |
| Farrar              | Miller               | VanDeaver            |
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| Flynn               | Moody                | Walle                |
| Frank               | Morrison             | White                |
| Frullo              | Muñoz, Jr.           | Wilson               |
| Geren               | Murphy               | Wray                 |
| Gervin-Hawkins      | Murr                 | Wu                   |
| Goldman             | Neave                | Zedler               |
| González of Dallas  | Nevárez              | Zerwas               |
| González of El Paso | Noble                | Zwiener              |
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H.R. No. 400

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 400 was adopted by the House on February 19, 2019, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House