

By: King of Parker

H.R. No. 502

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Parker County are gathering in  
2 Austin on February 25, 2019, in celebration of Parker County Day at  
3 the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Established in 1855 from Bosque and Navarro  
5 Counties, Parker County is named for Isaac Parker, who brought 224  
6 settlers to the region in that same year; the county's population  
7 and economy continued to expand during the late 19th century,  
8 spurred by the construction of three railroads in the area; over the  
9 decades, Parker County has undergone many changes and today  
10 benefits from a diverse market centered on commercial and  
11 agribusiness, with local farms and ranches raising beef cattle,  
12 dairy cows, and horses and growing pecans and peaches; and

13 WHEREAS, Weatherford, the county seat, offers such  
14 attractions as Clark Gardens, the Doss Heritage and Culture Center,  
15 and the Museum of the Americas; the downtown historic district is  
16 the site of the old-time Farmers Market, as well as First Monday  
17 Trade Days, one of the oldest open-air markets in Texas; named the  
18 Peach Capital of Texas, Weatherford draws more than 35,000  
19 attendees each year with the Parker County Peach Festival, and  
20 because of its proximity to the headquarters of the National  
21 Cutting Horse Association and its major events, the city has gained  
22 recognition as the Cutting Horse Capital of the World; and

23 WHEREAS, Springtown was established in 1859 by Captain Joseph  
24 Ward of New Jersey, who was impressed by the area's natural beauty

1 and its 25 cold springs; originally known as Littleton Springs, it  
2 was renamed Springtown in the 1870s and incorporated in 1884; and

3 WHEREAS, Located at the western edge of the Dallas/Fort Worth  
4 Metroplex, Parker County offers an attractive rural setting  
5 combined with proximity to urban amenities, and its citizens can  
6 look back with pride at their unique history while they work to  
7 build a bright future; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby recognize February 25, 2019, as Parker County  
10 Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation  
11 sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.