

By: Morrison

H.R. No. 584

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Residents of Aransas County are gathering in Austin  
2 to celebrate Aransas County Day at the State Capitol on February 28,  
3 2019; and

4           WHEREAS, This region of thousand-year-old oaks, coastal  
5 prairie, and sandy beaches was first inhabited by native peoples  
6 about 8,000 years ago; in 1828, the Mexican government awarded an  
7 empresario grant to bring in settlers from Ireland and Mexico, and  
8 not long after the Civil War, the towns of Fulton and Rockport were  
9 founded as ports for the cattle business; Aransas County was formed  
10 in 1871 and named after a Spanish palace; and

11           WHEREAS, Aransas County is the gateway to the 116,000-acre  
12 Aransas National Wildlife Refuge, where the amazing whooping cranes  
13 spend the winter, as well as Goose Island State Park; Rockport and  
14 Fulton Harbors are the home ports of many popular boating  
15 excursions for birders, dolphin watchers, and devotees of deep-sea  
16 and bay fishing, and the county's history is evoked by the 19th  
17 century Fulton Mansion and the 1870s Victorian-style History Center  
18 for Aransas County, while the official Texas Maritime Museum in  
19 Rockport celebrates the marine heritage of the Lone Star State; and

20           WHEREAS, Blessed with more magnificent bays than land and  
21 more redfish than cars, Aransas County is one of the treasures of  
22 the Lone Star State, and its citizens may indeed take great pride in  
23 the vitality of their communities as they look forward to a future  
24 filled with opportunity and good times; now, therefore, be it

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1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
2 Legislature hereby recognize February 28, 2019, as Aransas County  
3 Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation  
4 sincere best wishes for a memorable and meaningful visit to Austin.