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H.R. No. 588

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Ward County are gathering in Austin on
2 February 26, 2019, to celebrate Ward County Day at the State
3 Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, The territory was originally home to the Apache and
5 Comanche Indians, and in 1881, the Texas and Pacific Railway built a
6 line through the region, with stations at Barstow and Monahans;
7 Ward County was created out of part of Tom Green County in 1887 and
8 named for Thomas "Peg Leg" Ward, a soldier in the Texas Revolution
9 who lost his leg to a cannonball; a center for ranching and farming
10 in its early years, the area was transformed by the discovery of oil
11 and gas in the 1920s; during World War II, it was the site of Pyote
12 Army Air Field, and in 1957, the Monahans Sandhills State Historic
13 Park was created in the county's northeast corner; and

14 WHEREAS, Monahans, the Ward County seat, was founded in 1880
15 by John Thomas Monahan, an employee of the Texas and Pacific who
16 found water at the site, and it was incorporated in 1928; situated
17 at the hub of the Permian Basin, the town boasts a welcoming
18 business environment facilitated by easy access to two railroads
19 and two interstate highways; and

20 WHEREAS, Even as they celebrate their rich heritage, the
21 hardworking people of Ward County are looking ahead to the
22 opportunities of the future, and they may reflect with pride on
23 their contributions to the story of the Lone Star State; now,
24 therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
2 Legislature hereby recognize February 26, 2019, as Ward County Day
3 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
4 best wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.