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H.R. No. 1073

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents from Atascosa County are gathering in
2 Austin on April 2, 2019, to celebrate Atascosa County Day at the
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, During the first part of the 19th century, the
5 grassy prairie region of South Texas that would become Atascosa
6 County attracted Spanish, Mexican, and Anglo-American settlers,
7 and by 1856, the region was sufficiently populated to be sectioned
8 off from Bexar County; the county seat, originally at Navatasco,
9 was later moved to Pleasanton, and then in 1910, voters supported
10 moving it again, this time to the more centrally located town of
11 Jourdanton; and

12 WHEREAS, Atascosa County is home to a number of historical
13 markers that highlight the area's unique history; notably, the
14 Battle of Medina, which took place in 1813 and influenced the fates
15 of Spain, Mexico, the United States, England, and France, is
16 commemorated with a marker in the northeastern part of the county,
17 and the site of the church and school community of San Augustine,
18 founded by heirs of Alamo defender Gregorio Esparza, is marked near
19 Pleasanton; and

20 WHEREAS, Situated near the famous Camino Real, Atascosa
21 County has long benefited from its proximity to major
22 transportation arteries linking it with the Gulf Coast, the Rio
23 Grande Valley, and Mexico, as well as other major population
24 centers; the county enjoys the economic benefits reaped by an

1 abundance of natural resources and, blessed with productive range
2 and irrigated farmland, the area is known for its ranching and
3 agriculture; additionally, the oil and gas industry also plays a
4 significant role in the economy; and

5 WHEREAS, Pleasanton, the county's trading center, bills
6 itself as the birthplace of the cowboy, a designation symbolized by
7 a large bronze statue in front of city hall; in nearby Poteet, known
8 to many as the Strawberry Capital, a Strawberry Festival takes
9 place in April, and a seven-foot, 1,600-pound monument to the berry
10 graces the front lawn of the fire department; and

11 WHEREAS, The residents of Atascosa County have made many
12 notable contributions to the economy and culture of Texas, and they
13 may take justifiable pride in the place that they call home; now,
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
16 Legislature hereby recognize April 2, 2019, as Atascosa County Day
17 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
18 best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.