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H.R. No. 1129

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Rains County are visiting Austin on
2 April 12, 2019, to celebrate Rains County Day at the State Capitol;
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4 WHEREAS, Situated between Lake Tawakoni and Lake Fork
5 Reservoir, Rains County is blessed with an abundant water supply
6 and fertile soil characteristic of the Blackland Prairie region;
7 the county was formed in the late 1800s from Hopkins, Hunt, and Wood
8 Counties and named in honor of Emory Rains, an early pioneer who
9 served in the Congress of the Republic of Texas; and

10 WHEREAS, Rains County initially prospered as an agricultural
11 and ranching center and today enjoys a diverse economy that
12 includes oil production, manufacturing, and tourism; and

13 WHEREAS, The county seat, Emory, which was originally known
14 as Springville, is now the county's largest town; it is home to the
15 annual Eagle Fest celebration held in the winter, when the area
16 lakes are the home of many American bald eagles and other rare
17 birds; and

18 WHEREAS, The city of Point was incorporated in the 1960s and
19 is recognized as the birthplace of the National Farmers Union; the
20 10 founding fathers of the NFU are memorialized by a historical
21 monument in the city, which incorporates a statue of the union's
22 founder, Isaac Newton Gresham, and a display of the flags of the
23 NFU's member states; and

24 WHEREAS, The county's newest municipality, East Tawakoni,

1 was incorporated in 1967; this resort area offers residents the
2 benefits of a relaxed rural community while providing easy access
3 to Dallas; notably, the city is connected to its counterpart, West
4 Tawakoni in Hunt County, by Two-Mile Bridge; completed in 2016,
5 this impressive structure replaced the original Two-Mile Bridge,
6 which was built across Lake Tawakoni in 1959 and was the longest
7 bridge serving a farm-to-market road at the time of its
8 construction; and

9 WHEREAS, One of the smallest counties in the state, but one of
10 the fastest growing in the nation, Rains County is playing a vital
11 role in the story of the Lone Star State, and its citizens are
12 indeed deserving of special recognition; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
14 Legislature hereby recognize April 12, 2019, as Rains County Day at
15 the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
16 best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.