SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 114

WHEREAS, Proud residents of Culberson County are gathering in Austin to celebrate Culberson County Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Situated among the rugged, scenic mountains of the Trans-Pecos region of West Texas, the county was originally home to the fierce Mescalero Apaches; in 1859, a cavalry outpost was established at the Van Horn Wells, one of the few reliable sources of water in the area; the last major Native American battle in the State of Texas was fought in the region in 1881, at the mouth of Bass Canyon in the Sierra Diablo mountains; and

WHEREAS, The town of Van Horn was founded in the late 1870s, and in 1881, it became a stop on the Texas and Pacific Railway; and

WHEREAS, Formed from El Paso County in 1911, Culberson County was named for Civil War veteran and former United States congressman David B. Culberson; Van Horn, by now a prosperous shipping point for cattle, became the county seat; in 1953, oil was discovered in the region, and the county later became a major oil producer in the state; and

WHEREAS, Today, tourists are drawn to the area by its austere beauty and colorful history; the county is the gateway to Guadalupe Mountains National Park, a haven for hikers and nature lovers and home to the highest mountain in Texas, Guadalupe Peak; hunters are drawn to the region by the mule deer, pronghorn antelope, and upland game birds; and

WHEREAS, Blessed with great natural beauty and a rich history, the people of Culberson County may indeed take great pride in their unique contributions to the heritage and culture of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 86th Legislature, hereby recognize the visiting delegation from Culberson County and extend to all best wishes for an enjoyable and productive Culberson County Day at the State Capitol.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 5, 2019.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate