

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 218

WHEREAS, Proud residents of Uvalde County are gathering in Austin on February 6, 2019, to celebrate Uvalde County Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Permanent settlers began to arrive in the region in the 1850s, and Uvalde County was established in 1856; a rough-and-tumble frontier area during and after the Civil War, the county became a ranching center in the late 1800s and was also renowned for its honey, which took first prize at the Paris World's Fair in 1900; today, the county's economy continues to be based on agribusiness, including farming and the raising of livestock such as cattle, sheep, and goats; and

WHEREAS, Four spring-fed rivers, the Nueces, Leona, Sabinal, and Frio, have cut ruggedly beautiful canyons through the region's rolling hills, and the county draws hunters from around the state with its abundance of deer, quail, doves, and turkeys; additionally, swimmers, campers, bird-watchers, and other outdoor enthusiasts may enjoy the activities of the scenic Garner State Park and Cooks Slough Sanctuary and Nature Park; and

WHEREAS, Founded more than 150 years ago, the city of Uvalde is the county seat and is home to a number of attractions; John Nance "Cactus Jack" Garner, the 32nd vice president of the United States, lived and practiced law there; former Texas governor Dolph Briscoe Jr. was born and raised in the city and returned to it following the completion of his terms in office; the Briscoe Art and Antique Collection displays works collected by Governor Briscoe and his wife, and the Aviation Museum

at Garner Field houses World War II memorabilia and aircraft in an original army airfield hangar; in addition, the town hosts presentations by the Sahawe Indian Dancers, who help preserve the Native American cultural practices of the Southwest with their popular dance performances; and

WHEREAS, Other communities in the county include Knippa, Cline, Montell, Utopia, Concan, Reagan Wells, and Sabinal, which is a popular ranch center and retirement area; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of this notable county are working to preserve the best of their past even as they look forward to a bright and promising future, and it is fitting to honor them for their unique contributions to the story of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 86th Legislature, hereby recognize February 6, 2019, as Uvalde County Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.

Flores

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 19, 2019.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate