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H.R. No. 118

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Bee County are gathering at the
2 State Capitol to celebrate Bee County Day on February 8, 2023; and

3 WHEREAS, While artifacts indicate that the region was
4 originally inhabited 6,000 to 10,000 years ago, the first permanent
5 European settlers arrived in the early 19th century, and 11 area
6 landowners were among the signers of the Texas Declaration of
7 Independence; and

8 WHEREAS, Bee County was officially organized on January 25,
9 1858, and named for Barnard E. Bee Sr., a South Carolina attorney,
10 soldier, and statesman who joined the Army of the Republic of Texas
11 and later served as secretary of war under Sam Houston; and

12 WHEREAS, Located in the South Texas Plains vegetation region,
13 the county covers 866 square miles that slope gently toward the Gulf
14 Coast, and with open expanses of grasslands, its economy is
15 dominated by farming, ranching, and agribusiness, along with oil
16 and gas operations; and

17 WHEREAS, Bee County citizens can take pride in an array of
18 attractions for residents and visitors to explore; Beeville is the
19 county seat, and it has successfully revitalized its downtown
20 district and has been named a Texas Main Street City by the Texas
21 Historical Commission; Coastal Bend College-Beeville offers
22 occupational as well as academic classes for its students, and it
23 has the oldest academic educational glassblowing facility in the
24 state; the Beeville Art Museum, which is funded by the Joe Barnhart

1 Foundation, is housed in the beautiful and historic Esther Barnhart
2 House; in addition, visitors come from all across Texas to
3 celebrate the state's rich traditions at Western Week; other towns
4 in the county include Skidmore, Blue Berry Hill, Pettus, Tuleta,
5 Tynan, Pawnee, Normanna, and Mineral; and

6 WHEREAS, Residents of Bee County are working together to
7 build an even brighter future, and this special day provides a
8 fitting opportunity to pay tribute to the county and its people;
9 now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
11 Legislature hereby recognize February 8, 2023, as Bee County Day at
12 the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting
13 delegation.