

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Jim Wells County are gathering at the
2 State Capitol on February 14, 2023; and

3 WHEREAS, A landscape of sweeping grasslands and wide
4 horizons, the county's early inhabitants enjoyed the region's mild
5 winters and abundant game; after the first European settlement in
6 1754, at Penitas Creek, Mexican ranchers developed land grants into
7 sheep and cattle ranches; in 1848 the region became part of the
8 State of Texas, and it was formally incorporated as a county in 1911
9 and named after the prominent developer and attorney James B. Wells
10 Jr.; and

11 WHEREAS, With the arrival of the railroad in the 1870s, Alice
12 became the most important livestock shipment junction in South
13 Texas, and ranching has remained a mainstay of the county's economy
14 ever since; cotton and sorghum are key crops, as are hay, corn, and
15 wheat; since the discovery of oil in the area in 1931, the county
16 has become one of the state's leaders in oil production; and

17 WHEREAS, Notable communities in Jim Wells County include
18 Orange Grove, Ben Bolt-Palito Blanco, Premont, Sandia, and La
19 Gloria; the county seat, Alice is a center for health care, with an
20 outstanding medical facility, the CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Alice;
21 the Tejano R.O.O.T.S. Hall of Fame in Alice honors Tejano culture
22 and recognizes the region as the birthplace of this popular musical
23 genre; the area's distinctive history is showcased at the South
24 Texas Museum, housed in the 1940s McGill Brothers Building; and

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1 WHEREAS, Celebrating their vibrant heritage as they embrace
2 the opportunities of the future, the citizens of Jim Wells County
3 are building on a long tradition of industry, achievement, and
4 public spirit, and they are indeed deserving of special
5 recognition; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
7 Legislature hereby recognize February 14, 2023, as Jim Wells County
8 Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting
9 delegation.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 119 was adopted by the House on
February 14, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House