

By: Morales of Maverick

H.R. No. 190

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Maverick County are gathering in
2 Austin on February 7 and 8, 2023, to celebrate Maverick County and
3 Eagle Pass Days at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Located in Southwest Texas, Maverick County was
5 formed in 1856 and named for cattleman and state legislator Samuel
6 Augustus Maverick; the county was formally organized 15 years
7 later, and the county seat, Eagle Pass, was established on the Rio
8 Grande, beginning its role as a center for travel and trade along
9 the Texas-Mexico border; the city was originally named El Paso del
10 Aguila because of the frequent flights of Mexican eagles over the
11 area; and

12 WHEREAS, Over the years, city and county officials have
13 demonstrated an ongoing commitment to working together to create
14 jobs, encourage young people, and improve the quality of life in
15 their region of the state; civic leaders are also dedicated to the
16 effective collaboration of the public and private sectors and to
17 the administration of an economic development plan that will
18 attract and retain business, industry, and trade while increasing
19 affordable housing; the area's educational opportunities are
20 furthered by the offerings of Southwest Texas Junior College and
21 Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College, and plans are
22 underway to establish a comprehensive, four-year university in
23 Eagle Pass affiliated with SRSU and the Texas State University
24 System; and

1 WHEREAS, With three international bridges, including a rail
2 bridge, Eagle Pass and Maverick County have become an important
3 port of entry for international commerce; in 2021, the Port of Eagle
4 Pass handled a record \$33.82 billion in exports and imports, making
5 it the eighth busiest border crossing in the U.S.; additionally,
6 the Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas provides a significant
7 source of jobs, revenue, and tourism; visitors to the region can
8 also learn about area history at Fort Duncan Park and San Juan Plaza
9 and enjoy outdoor recreation at Maverick County Lake; moreover,
10 they can stroll the streets of historic downtown Eagle Pass, which
11 has been designated as a Texas Main Street City by the Texas
12 Historical Commission; and

13 WHEREAS, Even as they celebrate their rich heritage, the
14 hardworking people of Maverick County and Eagle Pass are looking
15 ahead to the opportunities of the future, and they may reflect with
16 pride on their contributions to the story of the Lone Star State;
17 now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
19 Legislature hereby recognize February 7 and 8, 2023, as Maverick
20 County and Eagle Pass Days at the State Capitol and extend to the
21 visiting delegation sincere best wishes for an informative and
22 enjoyable stay in Austin.