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H.R. No. 350

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Floresville are gathering in
2 Austin to celebrate Floresville Day at the State Capitol on
3 March 1, 2023; and

4 WHEREAS, Floresville is situated 30 miles southeast of San
5 Antonio on land that was once occupied by Spanish settlers, who
6 established missions and ranches along the San Antonio River and
7 created supply routes leading to the Gulf Coast; formerly known as
8 Lodi, it was founded in 1867 and named after Don Francisco Flores de
9 Abrego, an immigrant from the Canary Islands who operated a ranch
10 outside of the town during the 18th century; in 1873, voters
11 approved the decision to make Floresville the Wilson County seat,
12 and it was incorporated in 1890; and

13 WHEREAS, During the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the
14 city enjoyed a period of rapid growth with the arrival of the
15 San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railway and the success of the local
16 cotton and livestock industries; around 1915, peanuts emerged as a
17 cash crop in the region, leading residents to dub Floresville the
18 "Peanut Capital of Texas"; and

19 WHEREAS, Today, Floresville serves as a market center for
20 peanut and grain farmers and cattle ranchers; with a population of
21 around 7,500 people, it provides residents with a more relaxed,
22 small-town lifestyle, while still being within commuting distance
23 of San Antonio; since 1938, the city has hosted the annual Peanut
24 Festival, which attracts more than 10,000 attendees and features

1 parades, pageants, and myriad other activities; and

2 WHEREAS, Floresville is home to hardworking and enterprising
3 citizens who are committed to building an even brighter future for
4 their community, and it is indeed fitting that their history and
5 achievements be recognized; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
7 Legislature hereby recognize March 1, 2023, as Floresville Day at
8 the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
9 best wishes for a meaningful and memorable visit to Austin; and, be
10 it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for the city as an expression of high regard by the Texas
13 House of Representatives.