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H.R. No. 1109

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the
2 88th Texas Legislature are pleased to recognize Navarro County and
3 to honor its residents for the important contributions they are
4 making to the Lone Star State; and

5 WHEREAS, Established with the approval of the state
6 legislature on April 25, 1846, Navarro County was named after José
7 Antonio Navarro, a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence;
8 two years later, a 100-acre plot of land was donated for the
9 creation of a county seat, with the name, Corsicana, chosen by
10 Navarro to honor his father's birthplace on the isle of Corsica; and

11 WHEREAS, The community developed as a trading and shipping
12 center after the completion of the Houston and Texas Central
13 Railroad in 1871; substantial population growth followed, and an
14 effort was made to drill for groundwater; this drilling led to the
15 discovery of oil, and consequently, the first oil boom in the state
16 of Texas, and it forever changed the economy and destiny of Navarro
17 County; more than 200 million barrels of oil have since been pumped
18 from the county, which claims the longest continuous oil flow in
19 Texas history; and

20 WHEREAS, Today, petroleum, diversified manufacturing, and
21 agriculture continue to bolster the economy; among the varied crops
22 grown in the region's fertile black loam are corn, cotton, wheat,
23 sorghum, and sunflowers, and local ranches raise beef cattle, dairy
24 cows, and horses; and

1 WHEREAS, Residents of the area benefit from the educational
2 opportunities provided by Navarro College and the recreational
3 activities found at Navarro Mills Lake, Lake Halbert, and
4 Richland-Chambers Reservoir; in addition, the county's fascinating
5 history is preserved at such attractions as the Pearce Museum and
6 Pioneer Village; and

7 WHEREAS, With a colorful history, an abundance of natural
8 resources, and an inviting atmosphere, Navarro County is a
9 desirable community in which to live and work, and its residents may
10 indeed take great pride in the place they call home; now, therefore,
11 be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize Navarro County and extend to its
14 citizens sincere best wishes for the future.