

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of La Salle County are gathering in
2 Austin on April 18, 2023, to celebrate La Salle County Day at the
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated in South Texas and traversed by the Nueces
5 and Frio Rivers, the area that is now La Salle County has been
6 inhabited for approximately 11,000 years; in the 1850s, the U.S.
7 Army briefly operated the Fort Ewell outpost on the road from San
8 Antonio to Laredo, and by 1871, some 60 people lived in the nearby
9 town of Guajoco; a number of ranchers moved into the region, and in
10 1880, the county was formally organized, with Stuart's Rancho near
11 Guajoco designated as its first seat of government; soon after, the
12 International-Great Northern Railroad extended its line into the
13 county, with landowner Joseph Cotulla donating land to encourage
14 the railroad to pass through a townsite he was developing; over the
15 years, Cotulla became the most populous town in the county, and the
16 county seat was eventually moved there; and

17 WHEREAS, During the first decades of the 20th century, the
18 introduction of commercial agriculture ushered in a new period of
19 development, and national advertising campaigns attracted numerous
20 settlers, more than doubling the county's population to over 4,700
21 by 1910; in addition to cattle ranching, lucrative crops such as
22 onions, peaches, pears, plums, figs, and cotton became staples of
23 the local economy; in 1940, the first oil well was drilled, and
24 production continued to rise in the succeeding decades, with nearly

1 two million barrels of crude oil produced in 1990; and

2 WHEREAS, Today, La Salle County has a population of more than
3 6,500; the majority of the region's residents are concentrated in
4 the cities of Encinal and Cotulla, which is home to the county's
5 courthouse and airport; since 2008, shale oil production has
6 further bolstered economic conditions; and

7 WHEREAS, Even as they celebrate their unique heritage, the
8 citizens of La Salle County are looking ahead to the opportunities
9 of the future, and they may reflect with pride on their
10 contributions to the story of the Lone Star State; now, therefore,
11 be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize April 18, 2023, as La Salle County Day
14 at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting
15 delegation.

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Phelan	Guerra	Murr
Allen	Guillen	Neave Criado
Allison	Harless	Noble
Anchía	Harris of Anderson	Oliverson
Anderson	Harris of Williamson	Ordaz
Ashby	Harrison	Orr
Bailes	Hayes	Ortega
Bell of Kaufman	Hefner	Patterson
Bell of Montgomery	Hernandez	Paul
Bernal	Herrero	Perez
Bhojani	Hinojosa	Plesa
Bonnen	Holland	Price
Bowers	Howard	Ramos
Bryant	Hull	Raney
Buckley	Hunter	Raymond
Bucy	Isaac	Reynolds
Bumgarner	Jetton	Rogers
Burns	Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Burrows	A. Johnson of Harris	Rose
Button	J. Johnson of Harris	Rosenthal
Cain	Jones of Dallas	Schaefer
Campos	Jones of Harris	Schatzline
Canales	Kacal	Schofield
Capriglione	King of Hemphill	Shaheen
Clardy	King of Uvalde	Sherman, Sr.
Cole	Kitzman	Shine
Collier	Klick	Slaton
Cook	Kuempel	Slawson
Cortez	Lalani	Smith
Craddick	Lambert	Smithee
Cunningham	Landgraf	Spiller
Darby	Leach	Stucky
Davis	Leo-Wilson	Swanson
Dean	Longoria	Talarico
DeAyala	Lopez of Bexar	Tepper
Dorazio	Lopez of Cameron	Thierry
Dutton	Lozano	Thimesch
Flores	Lujan	Thompson of Brazoria
Frank	Manuel	Thompson of Harris
Frazier	Martinez	Tinderholt
Gamez	Martinez Fischer	Toth
Garcia	Metcalf	Troxclair
Gates	Meyer	Turner
Gerdes	Meza	VanDeaver
Geren	Moody	Vasut
Gervin-Hawkins	Morales of Harris	Vo
Goldman	Morales of Maverick	Walle
González of Dallas	Morales Shaw	Wilson
González of El Paso	Morrison	Wu
Goodwin	Muñoz, Jr.	Zwiener

H.R. No. 1143

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1143 was adopted by the House on April 18, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House