

By: Hall

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud citizens of Navarro County are coming together
2 in Austin on April 18, 2023, to celebrate Navarro County Day at the
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, This region of rolling blackland prairie was once
5 inhabited by the Ione, Kickapoo, and Comanche, and early
6 Anglo-American settlers built a fort on the Navasota River in 1833;
7 Navarro County was officially organized in 1846 and named for Jose
8 Antonio Navarro, a hero of the Texas Revolution; and

9 WHEREAS, Corsicana was founded in 1848 as the county seat and
10 named after the island of Corsica, the birthplace of Mr. Navarro's
11 parents; the arrival of the railroad after the Civil War helped
12 Corsicana to become the region's leading center for the trading and
13 shipping of cotton, grain, wool, and hides; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1894, drillers seeking more water for Corsicana's
15 growing population struck oil and gas instead, leading to the first
16 oil boom and the longest continual flow of oil in Texas; since that
17 initial strike, more than 200 million barrels of oil have been
18 produced in the county; and

19 WHEREAS, Today, Navarro County's multifaceted economy
20 revolves around advanced manufacturing, information technology,
21 the oil and gas industries, and agriculture, primarily the
22 production of cattle, cotton, sorghum, corn, and wheat; and

23 WHEREAS, Corsicana is known far and wide for its DeLuxe
24 Fruitcake, a creation of the 127-year-old Collin Street Bakery; the

1 town is also home to: the Navarro Pecan Company, one of the largest
2 pecan-shelling facilities in the world; a Russell Stover candy
3 factory; Oil City Iron Works, a foundry established in 1866 that
4 produces industrial parts and equipment, with over 7,000 active
5 patterns; and Corsicana Bedding, Incorporated, which was founded in
6 1971 as Tipton Manufacturing and is still leading the industry,
7 having become one of the most solid bedding manufacturers in the
8 nation; and

9 WHEREAS, Notable attractions in Corsicana include the Lefty
10 Frizzell Memorial and Museum, the restored Palace Theatre, and
11 Pioneer Village, a re-creation of a 19th-century Texas town; in
12 addition, Navarro College boasts the Cook Center Planetarium, one
13 of the largest domed theaters in Texas, and the Pearce Museum, which
14 contains extensive collections of Civil War documents and Western
15 art; and

16 WHEREAS, Residents and visitors alike enjoy abundant
17 opportunities for boating, fishing, waterskiing, and other such
18 pastimes, thanks to the proximity of Richland-Chambers Reservoir,
19 Navarro Mills Lake, and Lake Halbert; and

20 WHEREAS, Honoring their rich heritage even as they embrace
21 the challenges and opportunities of the future, the citizens of
22 Corsicana and Navarro County may indeed take pride in the vital role
23 their community has played in the story of the Lone Star State; now,
24 therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
26 hereby recognize April 18, 2023, as Navarro County Day at the State
27 Capitol and extend sincere best wishes to the visiting delegation

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1 for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

3 prepared in honor of this special day.