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H.R. No. 68

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, the Honorable Wise County Judge J.D. Clark has been
2 duly elected as President of the National Association of Counties
3 (NACo), bringing great honor to his community and the State of
4 Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, Judge Clark was sworn in as NACo President on
6 July 14, 2025, during the association's annual conference in
7 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he was joined by his wife, Leah,
8 twin daughters, Zelda and Maggie, and eldest daughter, Claire, who
9 administered the oath of office; and

10 WHEREAS, Judge Clark now leads an organization, representing
11 more than 3,000 counties, parishes, and boroughs across the United
12 States, dedicated to preserving and protecting the interests of
13 America's counties and will chair board meetings, appoint committee
14 members, and serve as NACo's chief spokesperson and public
15 representative; and

16 WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Wise County, Judge Clark has
17 served as County Judge since 2014, following his tenure as mayor of
18 Chico, Texas and as a high school teacher, all demonstrating a
19 steadfast commitment to public service and community leadership;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Under his leadership, Wise County has balanced
22 preservation and progress, notably through the restoration of the
23 historic 1896 courthouse and preserving local history, reflecting
24 his motto of "honoring the past and building the future"; and

1 WHEREAS, Judge Clark's presidential spotlight, "County
2 Storytellers," highlights his dedication to showcasing county best
3 practices, further elevating the role of local government in
4 shaping a stronger America; and

5 WHEREAS, Judge Clark, also a talented singer and songwriter,
6 showcased his presidential initiative, "county storytelling", in
7 his inaugural address and through his song "County Line",
8 highlighting his dedication to county best practices, further
9 elevating the role of local government in shaping a stronger
10 America; and

11 WHEREAS, His ascension to NACo President, after serving as
12 Second Vice President in 2023 and First Vice President in 2024,
13 underscores his decade-long involvement with NACo, including
14 leadership roles such as Chair of the Rural Action Caucus and
15 Co-Chair of the Broadband Task Force, bringing valuable perspective
16 to national county governance; and

17 WHEREAS, Judge Clark's election to this prestigious position
18 not only honors his exemplary service but also amplifies the voice
19 of Texas counties on the national stage, inspiring pride among his
20 constituents and colleagues; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
22 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulates the
23 Honorable J.D. Clark on his election as President of the National
24 Association of Counties and extends to him sincere best wishes for
25 continued success in his esteemed role; and, be it further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
27 prepared for Judge J.D. Clark as an expression of high regard by the

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1 Texas House of Representatives.