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H.R. No. 77

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Citizens from Navarro County are gathering in Austin
2 on March 18, 2025, to celebrate Navarro County Day at the State
3 Capitol; and

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, Residents of the area benefit from the educational

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

6 WHEREAS, The people of Navarro County are working to build a
7 prosperous future even as they honor the achievements of the past,
8 and they may take great pride in the unique region they call home;
9 now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
11 Legislature hereby recognize March 18, 2025, as Navarro County Day
12 at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting
13 delegation.