

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents are gathering in Austin on February
2 18, 2025, to celebrate Hardin County Day at the State Capitol; and

3 WHEREAS, Situated northeast of Houston, Hardin County is
4 predominantly made up of pine and hardwood forests in the East Texas
5 Timberlands region; and

6 WHEREAS, Following the Texas Revolution, the area was split
7 between the jurisdictions of Liberty and Jefferson Counties; in
8 1858, the State Legislature established Hardin County, drawing
9 territory from both parent counties; under state law, the county's
10 name honored the Hardin family of Liberty, and the county seat also
11 bore that name; in 1881, the Sabine and East Texas Railroad bypassed
12 Hardin in favor of its own newly established town, Kountze, which
13 ultimately became the county seat; and

14 WHEREAS, Early farmers in Hardin County raised corn, sweet
15 potatoes, hogs, cattle, sheep, and horses; as early as 1878,
16 loggers were floating cut timber to the Neches River and on to
17 Beaumont, and by 1881, at least two lumber-processing mills were
18 operating in the county; the subsequent arrivals of other railway
19 companies further stimulated the lumber industry; a big economic
20 boost came with the discovery of oil at Saratoga and Batson and the
21 development of the Sour Lake oil field in 1903; today, chambers of
22 commerce in Kountze, Lumberton, Silsbee, and Sour Lake promote
23 economic development in their communities; and

24 WHEREAS, Hardin County is further buoyed by its robust

1 ecotourism, which offers ample opportunities for recreation and
2 under the natural beauty of the Big Thicket National Preserve and
3 Village Creek State Park.

4 WHEREAS, Residents of Hardin County are working together to
5 build an even brighter future, and this special day provides a
6 fitting opportunity to pay tribute to the county and its people;
7 now, therefore, be it

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

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Burrows	Guerra	Morales Shaw
Alders	Guillen	Morgan
Allen	Harless	Muñoz
Anchía	Harris	Noble
Ashby	Harris Davila	Olcott
Barry	Harrison	Oliverson
Bell of Kaufman	Hayes	Ordaz
Bell of Montgomery	Hefner	Orr
Bernal	Hernandez	Patterson
Bhojani	Hickland	Paul
Bonnen	Hinojosa	Perez of El Paso
Bowers	Holt	Perez of Harris
Bryant	Hopper	Phelan
Buckley	Howard	Pierson
Bucy	Hull	Plesa
Bumgarner	Hunter	Raymond
Button	Isaac	Reynolds
Cain	Johnson	Richardson
Campos	Jones of Dallas	Rodríguez Ramos
Canales	Jones of Harris	Romero
Capriglione	Kerwin	Rose
Cole	King	Rosenthal
Collier	Kitzman	Schatzline
Cook	LaHood	Schofield
Cortez	Lalani	Schoolcraft
Craddick	Lambert	Shaheen
Cunningham	Landgraf	Shofner
Curry	Leach	Simmons
Darby	Leo Wilson	Slawson
A. Davis of Dallas	Little	Smithee
Y. Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Spiller
Dean	Lopez of Bexar	Swanson
DeAyala	Lopez of Cameron	Talarico
Dorazio	Louderback	Tepper
Dutton	Lowe	Thompson
Dyson	Lozano	Tinderholt
Fairly	Lujan	Toth
Flores	Luther	Troxclair
Frank	Manuel	Turner
Gámez	Martinez	VanDeaver
Garcia of Bexar	Martinez Fischer	Vasut
Garcia of Dallas	McLaughlin	Villalobos
Garcia Hernandez	McQueeney	Virdell
Gates	Metcalf	Vo
Gerdes	Meyer	Walle
Geren	Meza	Ward Johnson
Gervin-Hawkins	Money	Wharton
González of Dallas	Moody	Wilson
González of El Paso	Morales of Harris	Wu
Goodwin	Morales of Maverick	Zwiener

H.R. No. 98

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 98 was adopted by the House on February 18, 2025, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House