

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Proud residents and community leaders of Webb County  
2 are gathering in Austin on February 5, 2025, to celebrate Webb  
3 County Day at the State Capitol; and

4           WHEREAS, The land that is now Webb County has evidence of  
5 human settlement dating back approximately 11,000 years, and it is  
6 known to have been occupied by the Coahuiltecas, Comanches, and  
7 Lipan Apaches; as the sixth largest county in Texas by area, Webb  
8 County encompasses some 3,400 square miles of rolling terrain  
9 covered by native mesquite, thorny shrubs, whiplash pappusgrass,  
10 and cacti and interlaced with creeks that drain to the Nueces and  
11 Rio Grande Rivers; and

12           WHEREAS, Webb County, founded in 1848, holds a distinguished  
13 place in the history of Texas; named in honor of Judge James Webb,  
14 former secretary of state and secretary of the treasury for the  
15 Republic of Texas, the county has helped shape the development of  
16 the state through its contributions to trade, ranching, and  
17 agriculture; and

18           WHEREAS, During the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Webb  
19 County became a major center for cattle ranching and railroad  
20 expansion, further cementing its role in Texas' economic  
21 infrastructure; the growth of cattle ranching in the county  
22 resulted in the establishment of large ranching enterprises that  
23 became economic powerhouses for the region and state, and the  
24 introduction of new breeding techniques and water management

1 practices helped make the county a leading producer of livestock;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, The arrival of the railroad in the late 19th century  
4 transformed Webb County into a critical nexus for transportation,  
5 facilitating the movement of cattle, goods, and people; beyond  
6 connecting Laredo to major markets across Texas and the United  
7 States, the expansion of the rail lines spurred the region's  
8 population growth and the continued development of commerce and  
9 industry; and

10 WHEREAS, Today, Webb County is home to around 270,000  
11 residents; the county thrives as a leader in international trade  
12 and public service, and the presence of institutions such as Texas  
13 A&M International University make it an educational hub for the  
14 region; and

15 WHEREAS, The people of Webb County take great pride in their  
16 rich history as they work to build an even brighter and more  
17 prosperous future, and it is indeed fitting that they be honored for  
18 their contributions to the story of the Lone Star State; now,  
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
21 Legislature hereby recognize February 5, 2025, as Webb County Day  
22 at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting  
23 delegation.

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H.R. No. 160

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 160 was adopted by the House on  
February 5, 2025, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House