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H.R. No. 292

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.