

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Weslaco are gathering in Austin
2 on February 26, 2025, to celebrate Weslaco Day at the State Capitol;
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4 WHEREAS, Located in the heart of the Rio Grande Valley, the
5 city of Weslaco's site was part of the Llano Grande grant of 1790;
6 after the St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico Railway came to the
7 area, the American Rio Grande Land and Irrigation Company purchased
8 a major portion of the grant and platted the West Tract in 1913, and
9 four years later, the company sold 30,000 acres to the W. E. Stewart
10 Land Company, from which the name Weslaco is derived; officially
11 founded in 1919, the town soon had a post office, schools, a bank,
12 and a fire department, and by 1930, the population had reached
13 5,300; throughout the 20th century, the city was centered around
14 manufacturing and agriculture, with facilities that housed migrant
15 farmworkers and laboratories where new cultivars of produce were
16 created; and

17 WHEREAS, Today, Weslaco is home to more than 42,000
18 residents, and its economy benefits from the educational services,
19 health care, retail, agricultural, and tourism industries; among
20 its educational institutions are the Texas A&M AgriLife Research
21 and Extension Center at Weslaco and the TAMU-Kingsville Citrus
22 Center, which are both hubs for innovative research that enhances
23 agricultural productivity and sustainability; and

24 WHEREAS, Residents and visitors alike can enjoy the area's

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1 natural beauty at Estero Llano Grande State Park, the Valley Nature
2 Center, and Frontera Audubon; the city also hosts a number of annual
3 events, including the Mid-Valley Lighted Christmas Parade and the
4 Weslaco Holiday Lights Display, and the Texas Onion Festival
5 celebrates the 1015 sweet onion, which was created in Weslaco and is
6 the State Vegetable of Texas; and

7 WHEREAS, Boasting a rich history, thriving educational and
8 cultural institutions, and a dynamic business community, Weslaco
9 has established itself as an outstanding place to live and work, and
10 its citizens may indeed take pride in the place they call home; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize February 26, 2025, as Weslaco Day at
14 the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting
15 delegation.

Martinez

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 361 was adopted by the House on February 26, 2025, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House