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H.R. No. 389

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Many proud citizens of Frio County are gathering in
2 Austin on March 5, 2025, in celebration of Frio County Day at the
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated along the Frio River, the county is defined
5 by its rolling plains, diverse vegetation, and rich soil that has
6 supported agriculture for generations; originally home to the
7 Payaya and Pachal Indians, the region saw limited settlement until
8 after the Civil War due to conflicts with the Comanche; and

9 WHEREAS, Frio County was officially established by the Texas
10 Legislature on February 1, 1858, from portions of Atascosa, Bexar,
11 and Uvalde Counties; formal organization occurred in 1871, and
12 12 years later, Pearsall was chosen as the county seat; and

13 WHEREAS, In the late 19th century, the introduction of barbed
14 wire fencing and irrigation greatly improved agricultural
15 prospects, and the expansion of railroads opened new markets;
16 cotton was the dominant crop until the Great Depression;
17 subsequently, peanut farming emerged as a key industry, aided by
18 such innovations as the peanut combine, which was developed by a
19 Frio County farmer; and

20 WHEREAS, Due to its location in the Eagle Ford Shale region,
21 the county has experienced significant economic development over
22 the years; oil and gas production has fueled commercial growth, job
23 creation, and an influx of new residents; and

24 WHEREAS, Frio County is renowned for its thriving wildlife

1 and premier hunting grounds, which span approximately 675,000
2 acres; in addition, visitors are drawn to such cultural landmarks
3 as the Old Frio County Jail Museum in Pearsall and the iconic giant
4 watermelon statue in Dilley, a town long recognized for its
5 abundant watermelon cultivation; and

6 WHEREAS, Building on their heritage, the industrious
7 residents of Frio County are preserving the best of the past while
8 working toward an even brighter future; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
10 Legislature hereby recognize March 5, 2025, as Frio County Day at
11 the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
12 best wishes for a memorable and enjoyable stay in Austin.