

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Proud residents of Jack County are gathering in Austin on April 29, 2025, in celebration of Jack County Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Situated in the Cross Timbers and Prairies ecological region of North Central Texas, this area was originally inhabited by the Caddo and Comanche tribes; in 1856, the county was created and named for William H. and Patrick C. Jack, who were participants in the Texas Revolution; after federal troops withdrew from the region during the Civil War, Indian raids caused the population to decline; in response, the U.S. Army established Fort Richardson in 1867 to protect pioneers, and it was active until 1878, when the threat of attacks had ultimately subsided; by 1880, the population had grown to more than 6,600 people, over 10 times what it had been a decade prior; and

WHEREAS, In its early years, the county's economy was driven by farming and cattle ranching, with corn, grain, and cotton being key crops; the arrival of the Chicago, Rock Island and Texas Railway in 1898 brought additional growth to the area and connected it more directly with outside markets; following the discovery of oil in the 1920s, petroleum production became a significant part of life in the region; and

WHEREAS, Today, Jack County is home to more than 8,800 people, and its economy benefits from the oil and gas, health care, construction, and retail industries; notable communities include the county seat of Jacksboro as well as Bryson, Perrin, and Jermyn; residents and visitors alike enjoy recreational opportunities afforded by Lakes Jacksboro and Bridgeport, and outdoor enthusiasts are drawn to the region for activities such as fishing and hunting; the county also hosts a number of annual events, among them the Chili Fest and the Main Street Classic Car Show, and other attractions include Fort Richardson State Park and the Jack County Museum; and

WHEREAS, Honoring their heritage as they embrace the opportunities of the future, the citizens of Jack County may take great pride in the role their communities have played in the story of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas Legislature hereby recognize April 29, 2025, as Jack County Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting delegation.

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H.R. No. 453

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 453 was adopted by the House on March 31, 2025, by a non-record vote.



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Chief Clerk of the House

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