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S.R. No. 178

SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas takes great pleasure in joining the citizens of Chambers County for the celebration of Chambers County Day at the Capitol on February 22, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Situated on 600 square miles of Gulf Coast plains, Chambers County has a long and colorful history; in 1756, Spaniards erected a mission and presidio near present-day Wallisville to ensure control of the region, and in 1818, a group of French supporters of Napoleon Bonaparte established a short-lived colony near present-day Anahuac; in 1832 and 1835, conflicts at Anahuac between Anglo immigrants and Mexican authorities foreshadowed the Texas Revolution; and

WHEREAS, Chambers County was created from portions of Liberty and Jefferson Counties in 1858 and named in honor of General T. J. Chambers; Wallisville was the county seat until 1908, when that role was transferred to Anahuac; and

WHEREAS, Countless tourists are drawn to the attractions and events offered by Chambers County; Anahuac, known as the Alligator Capital of Texas, hosts the Texas Gatorfest each September at Fort Anahuac Park; another celebration is the Texas Rice Festival, which is held in September and October; and

WHEREAS, Visitors are also drawn by the area's historic sites and excellent golf courses and by the bountiful

opportunities for birding, fishing, hunting, crabbing, boating, and photography; among the attractions are Wallisville Heritage Park, Houston Raceway Park, Moody National Wildlife Refuge, Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge, and the Corps of Engineers Trinity River Recreation Area; and

WHEREAS, In addition to tourism, the county's economy benefits from such enterprises as chemical plants and fish and oyster processing, as well as from business in manufacturing and agribusiness; and

WHEREAS, Chambers County is situated between Houston and the Golden Triangle of Beaumont-Orange-Port Arthur, and it offers its people both quiet rural living and convenient access to big-city amenities; and

WHEREAS, The residents of Chambers County are justifiably proud of their achievements, for this noteworthy region and its citizens have played a significant role in the development of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby recognize February 22, 2023, as Chambers County Day at the Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the fine citizens who have traveled to Austin to celebrate this occasion; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the people of Chambers County as a memento of this special occasion.