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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Ward County are gathering in
2 Austin on March 9, 2023, to celebrate Ward County Day at the State
3 Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, The territory of Ward County was originally home to
5 the Apache and Comanche Indians, and in 1881, the Texas and Pacific
6 Railway built a line through the region, with stations at Barstow
7 and Monahans; the county was created out of part of Tom Green County
8 in 1887 and named for Thomas "Peg Leg" Ward, a soldier in the Texas
9 Revolution who lost his leg to a cannonball; a center for ranching
10 and farming in its early years, the area was transformed by the
11 discovery of oil and gas in the 1920s; during World War II, it was
12 the site of Pyote Army Air Field, and in 1957, the Monahans
13 Sandhills State Historic Park was created in the county's northeast
14 corner; and

15 WHEREAS, Monahans, the Ward County seat, was founded in 1880
16 by John Thomas Monahan, an employee of the Texas and Pacific who
17 found water at the site, and it was incorporated in 1928; situated
18 at the hub of the Permian Basin, the town boasts a welcoming
19 business environment facilitated by easy access to two railroads
20 and two interstate highways; and

21 WHEREAS, Even as they celebrate their rich heritage, the
22 hardworking people of Ward County are looking ahead to the
23 opportunities of the future, and they may reflect with pride on
24 their contributions to the story of the Lone Star State; now,

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
3 hereby recognize March 9, 2023, as Ward County Day at the State
4 Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes
5 for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.