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R E S O L U T I O N

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

4 WHEREAS, Permanent settlers began to arrive in the region in
5 the 1850s, and Uvalde County was established in 1856; a
6 rough-and-tumble frontier area during and after the Civil War, the
7 county became a ranching center in the late 1800s and was also
8 renowned for its honey, which took first prize at the Paris World's
9 Fair in 1900; today, the county's economy continues to be based on
10 agribusiness, including farming and the raising of livestock such
11 as cattle, sheep, and goats; and

12 WHEREAS, Four spring-fed rivers, the Nueces, Leona, Sabinal,
13 and Frio, have cut ruggedly beautiful canyons through the region's
14 rolling hills, and the county draws hunters from around the state
15 with its abundance of deer, quail, doves, and turkeys;
16 additionally, swimmers, campers, bird-watchers, and other outdoor
17 enthusiasts may enjoy the activities of the scenic Garner State
18 Park and Cooks Slough Sanctuary and Nature Park; and

19 WHEREAS, Founded more than 150 years ago, the city of Uvalde
20 is the county seat and is home to a number of attractions; John
21 Nance "Cactus Jack" Garner, the 32nd vice president of the United
22 States, lived and practiced law there; former Texas governor Dolph
23 Briscoe Jr. was born and raised in the city and returned to it
24 following the completion of his terms in office; the Briscoe Art and

1 Antique Collection displays works collected by Governor Briscoe and
2 his wife; in addition, the town hosts presentations by the Sahawe
3 Indian Dancers, who help preserve the Native American cultural
4 practices of the Southwest with their popular performances; and

5 WHEREAS, Other communities in the county include Knippa,
6 Cline, Montell, Utopia, Concan, Reagan Wells, and Sabinal, which is
7 a popular ranch center and retirement area; and

8 WHEREAS, The citizens of this notable county are working to
9 preserve the best of their past even as they look forward to a
10 bright and promising future, and it is fitting to honor them for
11 their unique contributions to the story of the Lone Star State; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
14 hereby recognize March 1, 2023, as Uvalde County Day at the State
15 Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting delegation.