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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Parker County are gathering in
2 Austin on March 29, 2023, in celebration of Parker County Day at the
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Established in 1855 from Bosque and Navarro
5 Counties, Parker County is named for Isaac Parker, who brought 224
6 settlers to the region in that same year; the county's population
7 and economy continued to expand during the late 19th century,
8 spurred by the construction of three railroads in the area; over the
9 decades, Parker County has undergone many changes and today
10 benefits from a diverse market centered on commercial and
11 agribusiness, with local farms and ranches raising beef cattle,
12 dairy cows, and horses and growing pecans and peaches; and

13 WHEREAS, Weatherford, the county seat, offers such
14 attractions as Clark Gardens, the Doss Heritage and Culture Center,
15 and the Museum of the Americas; the downtown historic district is
16 the site of the old-time Farmers Market, as well as First Monday
17 Trade Days, one of the oldest open-air markets in Texas; named the
18 Peach Capital of Texas, Weatherford draws more than 35,000
19 attendees each year with the Parker County Peach Festival, and
20 because of its proximity to the headquarters of the National
21 Cutting Horse Association and its major events, the city has gained
22 recognition as the Cutting Horse Capital of the World; and

23 WHEREAS, Springtown was established in 1859 by Captain Joseph
24 Ward of New Jersey, who was impressed by the area's natural beauty

1 and its 25 cold springs; originally known as Littleton Springs, it
2 was renamed Springtown in the 1870s and incorporated in 1884; and

3 WHEREAS, Located at the western edge of the Dallas-Fort Worth
4 Metroplex, Parker County offers an attractive rural setting
5 combined with proximity to urban amenities, and its citizens can
6 look back with pride at their unique history while they work to
7 build a bright future; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
9 hereby recognize March 29, 2023, as Parker County Day at the State
10 Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes
11 for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.