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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Kleberg County are gathering in
2 Austin on April 4, 2023, to celebrate Kleberg County Day at the
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated both on the broad grasslands of the Gulf
5 Coast and on Padre Island, the area that was to become Kleberg
6 County was first inhabited by the Karankawa and Coahuiltecan
7 peoples; Spanish settlements were established along the lower Rio
8 Grande in the 18th century, and after a period of Mexican rule, the
9 land became part of Nueces County when Texas secured its
10 independence; in 1853, Richard King established the vast King
11 Ranch, a large tract of which was used to form the city of
12 Kingsville in 1904; the new community grew quickly as a railway hub
13 for farmers and ranchers, and in 1913, the Texas Legislature
14 organized Kleberg County, naming it for Robert Justus Kleberg,
15 whose son was the manager of King Ranch, and designating Kingsville
16 as the county seat; and

17 WHEREAS, Today, Kleberg County is a place of diversified
18 industries; successful businesses include Proco, Inc., Texas
19 Cementing Services, and numerous energy companies; occupying
20 825,000 acres, the legendary King Ranch is still vital to the
21 prosperity of the county, and the enterprise has earned fame for the
22 region through its development of the Santa Gertrudis breed of
23 cattle, its contributions to quarter horse and thoroughbred
24 breeding, and its accomplishments in a variety of other

1 agribusiness interests; and

2 WHEREAS, The largest city in Kleberg County, Kingsville is
3 home to Texas A&M University-Kingsville, which includes the
4 Frank H. Dotterweich College of Engineering, the Dick and Mary
5 Lewis Kleberg College of Agriculture, the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife
6 Research Institute, and the Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy;
7 meeting an increasingly critical military need, Naval Air Station
8 Kingsville trains 50 percent of United States Navy and Marine Corps
9 tactical jet pilots every year; and

10 WHEREAS, The hardworking and forward-looking citizens of
11 Kleberg County are building on a long tradition of excellence, and
12 their history and achievements are indeed deserving of special
13 recognition; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
15 hereby recognize April 4, 2023, as Kleberg County Day at the State
16 Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes
17 for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.