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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Three Rivers are gathering in  
2 Austin on April 12, 2023, to celebrate Three Rivers Day at the State  
3 Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Located in Live Oak County, Three Rivers can trace  
5 its origins to 1913, when the San Antonio, Uvalde, and Gulf Railroad  
6 built a depot on the land belonging to Annie T. Hamilton; shortly  
7 thereafter, Charles R. Tips organized a townsite company and began  
8 selling acreage; originally called Hamiltonburg, the town was  
9 renamed in 1914 to Three Rivers due to its close proximity to the  
10 confluence of the Atascosa, Frio, and Nueces Rivers; the town was  
11 officially incorporated in 1926; and

12 WHEREAS, Three Rivers experienced a period of industrial  
13 growth beginning in the early to mid-20th century with the  
14 discovery of natural gas and large deposits of Quartzzone sand  
15 nearby; the first glass factory in the state was built there in  
16 1922, but it would eventually close down in 1937; in 1933, the Three  
17 Rivers Refinery was established, and by 1990, it had developed into  
18 a major Diamond Shamrock oil refinery, where many area residents  
19 found employment; and

20 WHEREAS, Today, Three Rivers is home to approximately 2,000  
21 citizens; residents and visitors alike are able to enjoy a number of  
22 local attractions, including the historic Rialto Theatre, the  
23 annual Live Oak County Fair, and the Choke Canyon Reservoir and  
24 State Park, which is noted for its diverse array of wildlife;

1 outdoor enthusiasts are drawn to the area for activities such as  
2 hunting, fishing, camping, and canoeing; in addition to tourism,  
3 the town's economy is predominantly supported by farming, ranching,  
4 and oil and gas production; and

5 WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich history as they work to build  
6 an even brighter future, the citizens of Three Rivers are  
7 justifiably proud of their community, and it is indeed fitting to  
8 honor their contributions to the story of the Lone Star State; now,  
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature  
11 hereby recognize April 12, 2023, as Three Rivers Day at the State  
12 Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting delegation.