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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Refugio County are gathering in  
2 Austin on April 16, 2025, to celebrate Refugio County Day at the  
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated in the Coastal Prairies region along the  
5 lower Gulf Coast, Refugio County was organized as one of the 13  
6 original counties of the Republic of Texas, with the town of Refugio  
7 as its county seat; both the town and county are named for Nuestra  
8 Señora del Refugio Mission, which was founded in the area in 1793  
9 and remained in operation until 1830; and

10 WHEREAS, Agriculture is a leading industry in Refugio County,  
11 and the area serves as an important source of livestock, sorghum,  
12 cotton, corn, wheat, and hay; the county has also reaped economic  
13 benefits derived from the region's natural resources, including  
14 petroleum, natural gas, and industrial sand; in addition, hunters  
15 are drawn to the county for its diverse wildlife; and

16 WHEREAS, Today, Refugio County is home to approximately 6,700  
17 people; residents and visitors alike have enjoyed attending annual  
18 events hosted by the town of Refugio, such as the Refugio County  
19 Fair; and

20 WHEREAS, Refugio County benefits from the dedicated  
21 leadership of its elected officials, including county judge Jhiela  
22 "Gigi" Poynter and county commissioners Roy Payne, Stanley Tuttle,  
23 Gary Wright, and Blaine Wolfshohl; and

24 WHEREAS, The people of Refugio County take great pride in

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1 their rich history as they work together to build an even brighter  
2 future, and it is indeed fitting to honor them for their unique  
3 contributions to the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby recognize April 16, 2025, as Refugio County Day  
6 at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting  
7 delegation.