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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of McMullen County are gathering in
- 2 Austin to celebrate McMullen County Day at the State Capitol on
- 3 April 22, 2025; and
- WHEREAS, Located in the center of South Texas, McMullen
- 5 County is made up of more than 1,000 square miles of flat and
- 6 rolling brushland; artifacts discovered in the county indicate that
- 7 human settlement may date back as far as 11,000 years, with groups
- 8 of hunter-gatherers in the area until the 1700s; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Several Spanish expeditions passed through the area
- 10 in the 17th and 18th centuries, but the population was sparse until
- 11 shortly before the Civil War, when settlers began to move in to take
- 12 advantage of the grasslands where wild mustangs and cattle could be
- 13 found; and
- 14 WHEREAS, The county was established in 1858, and a group of
- 15 resourceful adventurers settled where the Leoncita Creek flowed
- 16 into the Rio Frio; the town was first called Rio Frio, then Dog
- 17 Town, and finally Tilden, after Samuel J. Tilden, the unsuccessful
- 18 Democratic candidate for president in 1876; the town eventually
- 19 became the county seat; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Cattle and sheep ranching have dominated the
- 21 county's economy, though oil and gas have grown in importance since
- 22 the 1930s, and the region is also a destination for hunters; and
- WHEREAS, McMullen County residents are stewards of an area
- 24 with a fascinating history and culture, and their unique county

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- 1 indeed merits special recognition; now, therefore, be it
- 2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
- 3 Legislature hereby recognize April 22, 2025, as McMullen County Day
- 4 at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting
- 5 delegation.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 758 was adopted by the House on April 17, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 133, Nays 7, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House