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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Many proud Southwest Texas residents are visiting  
2 Austin on April 9, 2003, in celebration of Uvalde County Day at the  
3 State Capitol, and it is a pleasure to welcome these fine Texans to  
4 Austin; and

5           WHEREAS, The Uvalde County area was first settled in 1852  
6 when several planters established themselves on the Leona River  
7 near Fort Inge; the county was officially named Uvalde four years  
8 later in honor of the Spanish colonel and governor of Coahuila, Juan  
9 De Ugalde; and

10           WHEREAS, In the years since its founding, Uvalde County has  
11 become an agribusiness center for cattle, sheep, and goat ranchers  
12 and truck farmers; it is also known for its production of delicious  
13 light-colored honey, thanks to the native huajilla shrub on which  
14 the bees feed; and

15           WHEREAS, Uvalde County contains some of Texas' most ruggedly  
16 scenic lands, with four spring-fed rivers, the Nueces, the Leona,  
17 the Sabinal, and the Frio, flowing through the region; visitors are  
18 drawn by the recreational opportunities available at Garner State  
19 Park and the abundance of white-tailed deer, turkey, and quail that  
20 has made the county a popular hunting destination; and

21           WHEREAS, Uvalde, the county seat of Uvalde County, was  
22 originally settled in the 1850s as an outpost on the San Antonio-El  
23 Paso Road; located on what is now the crossroads of two of the  
24 nation's longest highways, U.S. 90 and U.S. 83, Uvalde continues

1 its role on an important corridor connecting the United States and  
2 Mexico; and

3 WHEREAS, Residents of this fine area have worked successfully  
4 to preserve Uvalde's charm and history, and their efforts are  
5 especially apparent in the beautifully restored Grand Opera House,  
6 which was built in 1891 and once served as a regional center for  
7 cultural activity; and

8 WHEREAS, Recognized not only for its beautiful architecture,  
9 as exemplified by the Grand Opera House, Uvalde is also appreciated  
10 for its natural ambience and known for its huge live oak trees that  
11 were preserved during the founding of the community; and

12 WHEREAS, Uvalde County citizens can take justifiable pride in  
13 their county's heritage and should look forward to the future with  
14 great anticipation; this unique community and its residents have  
15 played a significant role in Texas' development, and their many  
16 contributions to the Lone Star State are truly deserving of a  
17 special legislative salute; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas  
19 hereby recognize April 9, 2003, as Uvalde County Day at the State  
20 Capitol and extend to the county's visiting delegation sincere best  
21 wishes for a memorable and enjoyable visit to Austin.