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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Many proud South Texans are visiting Austin on  
2 February 12, 2003, to celebrate Jim Wells County Day at the State  
3 Capitol, and this festive event offers an ideal opportunity to  
4 acknowledge the role of this region in the state's unparalleled  
5 historic narrative; and

6 WHEREAS, Created by the Texas Legislature in 1911 from part  
7 of Nueces County, Jim Wells County is named for James B. Wells, Jr.,  
8 notable for his pivotal role in South Texas politics and land  
9 development; and

10 WHEREAS, Alice, the county seat, was established in 1886 and  
11 at one time reportedly shipped more cattle than any other place in  
12 the world; considered the "Hub of South Texas" for its location at  
13 the crossroads of State Highway 44 and U.S. Highway 281, Alice is  
14 situated along the Texas Tropical Trail at the geographical heart  
15 of South Texas; the city and surrounding county also sit astride  
16 major trade routes between the Port of Corpus Christi and the Rio  
17 Grande Valley, with Highway 281 designated as a vital link in the  
18 NAFTA Superhighway System; and

19 WHEREAS, Buoyed by the cattle industry since the 1800s, when  
20 the Chisholm Trail passed through the county, the local economy  
21 relies as well on other forms of agribusiness and on oil and gas  
22 production; and

23 WHEREAS, A glimpse into the past and a better understanding  
24 of the region can be had by touring the South Texas Museum, a Texas

1 Historical Landmark located in the former ranch headquarters of the  
2 McGill family; local recreational and leisure pursuits include  
3 traditional fiestas, rodeos, and county fairs, in addition to  
4 hunting and water sports; and

5 WHEREAS, Residents of Jim Wells County look with justifiable  
6 pride on their community's past, yet they are also eager to embrace  
7 the challenges and opportunities of the years to come, and it gives  
8 the members of this chamber great pleasure to salute this fine Texas  
9 county; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby recognize February 12, 2003, as Jim Wells County  
12 Day at the State Capitol and extend warmest best wishes to all the  
13 county's citizens on this noteworthy occasion.