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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Citizens of Orange County are gathering in Austin
2 today to celebrate Orange County Day at the State Capitol, and this
3 event affords an ideal opportunity to recognize the county's many
4 fine attributes; and

5 WHEREAS, Contiguous to western Louisiana, from which it is
6 divided by the Sabine River, this East Texas county is also bordered
7 by the Neches River and by Sabine Lake; it took its name from orange
8 groves flourishing along the Sabine River when it was created in
9 1852 from a portion of Jefferson County; and

10 WHEREAS, Dominant within the county's economically diverse
11 base are the petrochemical, lumber processing, shipbuilding, and
12 tourism industries, while agribusiness is also a major contributor;
13 the beneficial combination of an extended growing season, rich
14 coastal soil, and favorable climate results in abundant crops of
15 cotton, rice, citrus, vegetables, soybeans, peas, Christmas trees,
16 and nursery stock, while horses, cattle, crawfish, and hogs also
17 account for significant income; and

18 WHEREAS, Residents and visitors participate in a multitude of
19 outdoor events, including the Annual International Gumbo Cook-off
20 in May and festivals celebrating crawfish and crabs; Orange
21 County's heavily wooded acreage, along with marshes, grasslands,
22 and various bodies of water, including the nearby Gulf of Mexico,
23 attracts hunters and freshwater and saltwater fishing enthusiasts,
24 while birders delight in the impressive range of exotic avian life;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Lamar State College--Orange offers opportunities
3 for educational and cultural enrichment in the county seat and is
4 complemented by such assets as the Heritage History Museum of
5 Orange County, Heritage House Museum, Community Playhouse, Lutcher
6 Theater for the Performing Arts, Stark Museum of Art, W. H. Stark
7 House, and Central Fire Station; and

8 WHEREAS, Orange County is one of the Lone Star State's great
9 assets, and even as its citizens reflect with satisfaction on their
10 proud accomplishments, they can also look forward with anticipation
11 to the new challenges and opportunities that lie ahead; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
14 Legislature hereby recognize January 27, 2003, as Orange County Day
15 at the State Capitol and extend best wishes to all Orange County
16 residents for a bright and prosperous future.