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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Many proud residents of Zapata County are joining us
2 today to celebrate Zapata County Day at the State Capitol; and

3 WHEREAS, Established in 1858, Zapata County was named for
4 local rancher Colonel Antonio Zapata, a respected military officer
5 and federalist movement leader who founded the Republic of the Rio
6 Grande; and

7 WHEREAS, Zapata, the county seat, is located on the shores of
8 the International Falcon Reservoir and has a desert climate that
9 attracts a number of visitors during the winter months; and

10 WHEREAS, With its record-breaking fishing, Falcon Lake plays
11 host to several noteworthy angling tournaments and is well known
12 for its first-rate bass and bow fishing; the area also is an ideal
13 location for hunting a variety of large game, including deer and
14 javelina; and

15 WHEREAS, The first stop on the Rio Grande Valley Birding
16 Trail, Zapata is home to numerous rare and interesting bird
17 species, including the white-collared seedeater; and

18 WHEREAS, Hang gliders and paragliders attend Flytec's World
19 Record Encampment in Zapata hoping to use the record heat and winds
20 common during the summer months to their advantage; and

21 WHEREAS, Among Zapata's many recreational facilities are the
22 San Ygnacio Historic District, Corralitos Ranch, and San Francisco
23 Ranch; in addition, residents and visitors can enjoy the many
24 annual celebrations offered in Zapata County, such as the county

1 fair and parade in March; and

2 WHEREAS, The residents of Zapata County are preserving their
3 heritage while continuing to forge a bright future for themselves
4 and their families, and it is indeed a great pleasure to honor them
5 at this time; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
7 Legislature hereby recognize February 27, 2003, as Zapata County
8 Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation
9 sincere best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable visit.