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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The year 2006 marks the 150th anniversary of the
2 official establishment of Uvalde County, and this singular
3 milestone offers an opportunity to reflect on the county's unique
4 role in the history of the Lone Star State; and

5 WHEREAS, The area now known as Uvalde County was home to human
6 inhabitants as early as 9,000 years ago, and the Edwards Plateau
7 area was a favorite hunting ground of the Comanche, Tonkawa, and
8 Lipan Apache Native American tribes; and

9 WHEREAS, With the advent of European settlement, new visitors
10 began to make their influence felt, as Spanish soldiers, commercial
11 pack trains, buffalo hunters, cattlemen, and mineral prospectors
12 passed through; and

13 WHEREAS, After an initial attempt to establish the county
14 failed in 1850 because of an insufficient number of settlers,
15 Uvalde County was created by legislative enactment on February 2,
16 1856, and the town of Encina was renamed Uvalde and designated the
17 county seat soon after; and

18 WHEREAS, The county was home to such larger-than-life figures
19 as notorious cattle rustler J. King Fisher and future U.S. vice
20 president John Nance Garner, and the turmoil of the Civil War and
21 the period immediately following contributed numerous chapters to
22 the area's colorful history; and

23 WHEREAS, Producing cattle, wool, mohair, fish, and a
24 cornucopia of vegetables, as well as honey of such high quality that

1 it was awarded first place at the 1900 World's Fair in Paris, Uvalde
2 County has as its most vital resource its people, whose industry and
3 resourcefulness are rivaled only by their warmth and strength of
4 character, and these admirable assets continue to delight visitors
5 to the area; and

6 WHEREAS, Half a century ago, proud residents celebrated the
7 centennial of their county's founding with a gala celebration that
8 featured appearances by Vice President Garner and screen star Dale
9 Evans, and this year's commemoration of this historical landmark
10 promises to be equally engaging; and

11 WHEREAS, Our rich heritage as Texans is well worth
12 celebration and reflection, and in paying tribute to the founders
13 of Uvalde County, its modern-day residents reaffirm their powerful
14 ties to the land they love; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas,
16 3rd Called Session, hereby commemorate the 150th anniversary of the
17 founding of Uvalde County and extend sincere best wishes to its
18 residents.