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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, On February 23, 2005, people from across Atascosa  
2 County are traveling to the State Capitol to celebrate their  
3 community's heritage and to share with fellow Texans their history,  
4 traditions, and achievements; and

5           WHEREAS, The name Atascosa, derived from the Spanish word for  
6 boggy terrain, was used to describe the area as early as 1788;  
7 during the first part of the 19th century, this grassy prairie  
8 region of South Texas attracted Spanish, Mexican, and  
9 Anglo-American settlers, and by the time of the Texas Revolution,  
10 its ranching industry was flourishing; and

11           WHEREAS, In 1856, the region was sufficiently populated to be  
12 sectioned off from Bexar County; the original county seat at  
13 Navatasco was later permanently moved to the centrally located town  
14 of Jourdanton; and

15           WHEREAS, Situated next to the famous Camino Real, the county  
16 has long benefited from its proximity to major transportation  
17 arteries linking it with the Gulf Coast, the Rio Grande Valley, and  
18 Mexico, as well as other major population centers; and

19           WHEREAS, Atascosa County enjoys the economic benefits reaped  
20 by an abundance of natural resources and, blessed with productive  
21 range and irrigated farmland, the area is known for its farming and  
22 ranching industries; and

23           WHEREAS, Proud of its ranching heritage, Pleasanton, the  
24 county's trading center, bills itself as the birthplace of the

1 cowboy, a designation symbolized by a large bronze statue in front  
2 of city hall; in nearby Poteet, dubbed the Strawberry Capital of the  
3 World, a seven-foot, 1,600-pound monument to the fruit graces the  
4 front lawn of city hall and a Strawberry Festival, the  
5 fourth-largest agricultural festival in the state, takes place in  
6 April; and

7         WHEREAS, Other resources such as oil and gas also play a  
8 significant role in the county's ongoing development, but the most  
9 important asset in the area's increasingly diverse economy is  
10 undoubtedly its industrious citizenry; and

11         WHEREAS, For more than a century, residents of Atascosa  
12 County have contributed to the economic and cultural development of  
13 Texas, and they are justifiably proud of their rich history; it is  
14 indeed appropriate that they be honored on this day; now,  
15 therefore, be it

16         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
17 Legislature hereby recognize February 23, 2005, as Atascosa County  
18 Day at the Capitol and extend a warm welcome to all visitors from  
19 that fine county.