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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, February 9, 2005, is a special day at the State

Capitol, where proud residents of Jim Wells County are gathering to

celebrate their region's distinctive contributions to the Lone Star

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5 WHEREAS, Located on the fertile south coastal plains, Jim

Wells County is heir to a long and proud tradition of cattle

ranching, and Alice, the county seat, was a major cattle shipping

8 center before the turn of the last century; and

9 WHEREAS, In the years since the county's creation in 1911,

the local economy has expanded to encompass gas and oil production

as well as farming, with such important crops as wheat, corn,

12 cotton, sorghum, and melons, and sunflowers for sunflower oil; and

WHEREAS, In addition to its agriculture and commerce, the

14 county is home to Alice Regional Hospital and CHRISTUS Spohn

15 Hospital-Alice, and it is important as a health care hub for South

16 Texas; and

17 WHEREAS, Mindful of the region's colorful history, Jim Wells

residents have sought to preserve and promote their heritage in

19 museums such as the South Texas Museum and the Tejano R.O.O.T.S.

20 Hall of Fame Museum, and visitors to these institutions leave them

with a deep appreciation of those attributes that make Jim Wells

22 unique among Texas counties; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas

Legislature hereby recognize February 9, 2005, as Jim Wells County

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- 1 Day at the State Capitol and welcome the delegation present on this
- 2 day.