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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, February 22, 2005, is indeed a memorable day at the
2 State Capitol, as proud residents of Goliad County gather in Austin
3 to celebrate their region's singular stature in the history and
4 culture of the Lone Star State; and

5 WHEREAS, Home to at least four Native American tribes, the
6 area now known as Goliad County was first settled by Europeans in
7 1749, although such legendary explorers as Cabeza de Vaca and
8 LaSalle may have visited the area in the centuries before; and

9 WHEREAS, One of the first 23 counties established by the
10 first Congress of the Republic of Texas, Goliad is historically
11 closely associated with the struggles and triumphs of the Texas
12 Revolution, and the first Declaration of Texas Independence was
13 signed in the town of Goliad in 1835; and

14 WHEREAS, Early Goliad County was known as an enclave of
15 freewheeling frontiersmen, but civilizing influences soon set the
16 county on the path toward the stability and prosperity its
17 inhabitants enjoy today, and this inspiring success story is in
18 many ways the story of Texas itself; and

19 WHEREAS, Residents of Goliad County take justifiable pride in
20 the area's colorful past, and among the historic landmarks to be
21 found throughout the county are Fannin Plaza Park, the Goliad
22 County Courthouse, the Masonic Temple, and St. Stephen's Episcopal
23 Church; and

24 WHEREAS, The county's rich historical significance, combined

1 with the winning warmth of its present-day inhabitants, has made it
2 a popular destination among tourists from around the state, who
3 enjoy such events as the seasonal Goliad Market Days and the annual
4 Missions Tour de Goliad, a fun-filled bicycle ride through the
5 countryside; and

6 WHEREAS, Now home to thriving businesses and friendly
7 residents, Goliad County is possessed of both a unique history and a
8 bright future, and it is indeed fitting at this time to reflect on
9 its many outstanding attributes; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
11 Legislature hereby recognize February 22, 2005, as Goliad County
12 Day at the State Capitol and extend best wishes to the members of
13 the visiting delegation for an enjoyable and memorable visit.