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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of McMullen County are gathering on
2 February 28, 2005, to celebrate McMullen County Day at the State
3 Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Located in South Texas, the region consists of more
5 than 1,000 square miles of flat to rolling terrain covered with
6 mesquite, scrub brush, cacti, chaparral, and grasses; before its
7 settlement in the 19th century, the landscape of the area was
8 notably different, dominated instead by grasslands; and

9 WHEREAS, Named for the Irish pioneer John McMullen, the
10 county was officially established in 1858, but settlement was
11 sparse due to unrest and conflict in the region; shortly before the
12 Civil War, settlers began to move into the area to take advantage of
13 its profitable grasslands, cattle, and mustangs; a group of
14 resourceful adventurers established a settlement at the
15 intersection of the Frio River and Leoncita Creek and named it Rio
16 Frio; it was the first permanent settlement in the county and
17 eventually became the county seat, Tilden; and

18 WHEREAS, At the turn of the century, ranching completely
19 dominated the county's economy; since then, the oil and gas
20 industry has grown in importance; and

21 WHEREAS, The residents of this fine Texas county have played
22 an important part in preserving their region's past and preparing
23 for the future, and it is a pleasure to pay tribute to McMullen
24 County and its citizens on this special day; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
2 Legislature hereby recognize February 28, 2005, as McMullen County
3 Day at the State Capitol and extend to those citizens here today
4 sincere best wishes for an enjoyable visit.