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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Many distinguished citizens of the Delta Area in
2 Hidalgo County are visiting Austin on March 21, 2005, to celebrate
3 the significant role this historic locale has played in the
4 development of the Rio Grande Valley; and

5 WHEREAS, The Delta Area was settled in the 18th century by
6 ranchers who introduced cattle, sheep, and a variety of crops to the
7 region; Spanish land grants in the vicinity included the Llano
8 Grande, given to Juan Jose Ynojosa de Balli in 1790, and a grant
9 issued to Vicente de Ynojosa in 1797; some 50 or more years later,
10 Miguel Fernandez and Macedonio Vela operated their ranches, La Bota
11 and Laguna Seca, in the area; and

12 WHEREAS, In the early 20th century, lured by the bright
13 prospects for building a better life and the advent of irrigation
14 farming, many people from the Midwest and Northern Mexico began
15 making their homes in the region; with the railroad running through
16 the community, the Delta Area was home to some of the largest
17 canning and packaging companies anywhere in the world; agriculture
18 continues to play a major role in the economic development of the
19 community but it is no longer the dominant employer in the region;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Cities and communities in the Delta Area include
22 Edcouch, Elsa, La Villa, and Monte Alto; these fine communities
23 continue to try to provide a high quality of life for their
24 residents, especially their children; come fall or spring the local

1 football fields, neighborhood parks, and baseball diamonds are
2 filled with eager young athletes and their proud parents; local
3 libraries, the Boys and Girls Clubs, and community-based centers
4 continue to provide the youth of the area with positive and
5 constructive activities; and

6 WHEREAS, Deeply committed to the public education system,
7 area residents take special pride in their local school districts;
8 a friendly rivalry is always apparent between the Edcouch-Elsa
9 Yellowjackets, La Villa Cardinals, and Monte Alto Blue Devils;
10 local schools not only provide the community with a sense of pride
11 for achievements on the athletic fields but are also dedicated to
12 providing excellence in the classroom; and

13 WHEREAS, The residents of these proud Delta communities are
14 drawing on the strengths of all their people as they work to
15 preserve their rich heritage and build toward a future of unlimited
16 opportunity; and

17 WHEREAS, Representative Aaron Pena has justly recognized the
18 communities of the Delta Area by authoring this honorary resolution
19 in their behalf during the Regular Session of the 79th Texas
20 Legislature; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
22 Legislature hereby recognize March 21, 2005, as Delta Day at the
23 State Capitol and extend to all those here today sincere best wishes
24 for an enjoyable and memorable visit.