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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Proud citizens of Corpus Christi are visiting the  
2 State Capitol on May 25, 2005, to celebrate the notable history and  
3 bright future of this South Texas city; and

4           WHEREAS, Corpus Christi traces its roots to a trading post  
5 established in 1839 on the western shore of Corpus Christi Bay; in  
6 1846, the settlement that had grown up around the post became the  
7 county seat of the newly created Nueces County; and

8           WHEREAS, The city's growth was propelled in the 1870s by a  
9 flourishing wool trade, a booming cattle industry, and the arrival  
10 of the railroad; by 1914 Corpus Christi had four railroads, which  
11 promoted the area extensively to farmers and tourists; and

12           WHEREAS, Development was further boosted by the opening of a  
13 deepwater port in 1926 and by the discovery of oil in the county in  
14 1930; the port of Corpus Christi is now the fifth largest in the  
15 nation in terms of tonnage, and the petroleum and natural gas  
16 industries remain an important pillar of the city's economy;  
17 another significant stimulus derives from the city's location  
18 within the new I-69 corridor, which links the United States with its  
19 two largest trading partners, Canada and Mexico; and

20           WHEREAS, The United States military maintains several nearby  
21 facilities--Naval Station Ingleside and Naval Air Station Corpus  
22 Christi; in addition to serving as a training field for pilots, the  
23 latter base is also home to the Coast Guard Air Station and the  
24 Corpus Christi Army Depot; and

1           WHEREAS, Two institutions of higher learning, Texas A&M  
2 University-Corpus Christi and Del Mar College, together enroll  
3 almost 20,000 students; other outstanding cultural and educational  
4 resources include the Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi  
5 Botanical Gardens, Texas State Aquarium, and Corpus Christi Museum  
6 of Science and History; visitors can also tour the USS *Lexington*, a  
7 record-holding World War II aircraft carrier, and replicas of the  
8 *Niña*, *Pinta*, and *Santa María*; and

9           WHEREAS, A favored destination for outdoors enthusiasts, the  
10 Sparkling City by the Sea is close to Mustang Island State Park and  
11 Padre Island National Seashore, whose 68-mile beach constitutes the  
12 longest undeveloped shoreline in the country; and

13           WHEREAS, The citizens of Corpus Christi are continuing to  
14 build a dynamic, forward-looking community, one that combines the  
15 friendliness of a small town with the amenities of a modern city,  
16 and it is indeed a pleasure to recognize their achievements and  
17 public spirit; now, therefore, be it

18           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
19 Legislature hereby recognize May 25, 2005, as Corpus Christi Day at  
20 the State Capitol and extend to all those visiting today sincere  
21 best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable visit.