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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Citizens of Sulphur Springs and Hopkins County are
2 gathering in Austin to celebrate Sulphur Springs/Hopkins County Day
3 at the State Capitol on March 20, 2007; and

4 WHEREAS, This rolling Blackland Prairie region was first
5 inhabited by the Caddo tribe, and later by the Cherokee; Hopkins
6 County was created in March 1846 by the first Texas State
7 Legislature, and Sulphur Springs was made the county seat in 1870;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, While Sulphur Springs was originally a center for
10 ranching and the farming of corn and wheat, cotton became the
11 predominant crop by the early 20th century; with the opening of a
12 milk processing plant by the Carnation Milk Company in 1937, dairy
13 farming soon became the major type of farming, and by 1990 there
14 were 500 dairies in the county, producing nearly 17 percent of the
15 state's milk; more recently, the county has become an important
16 location for raising beef cattle and breeding horses; and

17 WHEREAS, Originally known as Bright Star, county seat Sulphur
18 Springs was renamed in 1871 after the mineral springs in the area,
19 and the picturesque county courthouse, in the Romanesque Revival
20 style, was built in 1894; it is home to many fine tourist
21 attractions, including the St. Clair Music Box Collection at the
22 Sulphur Springs Public Library, the Hopkins County Historical
23 Museum and Heritage Park, and the Southwest Dairy Center and
24 Museum; residents and visitors alike enjoy the city's annual

1 festivals, including the Texas State Champion Homemade Ice Cream
2 Freezeoff at the Hopkins County Dairy Festival in June and the
3 Hopkins County Fall Festival and World Champion Hopkins County Stew
4 Contest every September; and

5 WHEREAS, Nearby Lake Fork and Cooper Lake State Park provide
6 excellent recreational opportunities, and the state park also
7 attracts bird-watchers, hikers, and campers; and

8 WHEREAS, Scenic and historic Sulphur Springs and Hopkins
9 County represent Texas at its best, blending a rich heritage with a
10 dynamic future, and it is fitting to take note of this important
11 region of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas
13 hereby recognize March 20, 2007, as Sulphur Springs/Hopkins County
14 Day at the State Capitol and extend best wishes to the visiting
15 delegation for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.