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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Chambers County are gathering at the
2 State Capitol on February 13, 2007, to celebrate the unique
3 qualities of their Southeast Texas home; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated on some 600 square miles of Gulf Coast
5 plains, Chambers County was settled by the Spaniards, the French,
6 the Mexicans, and numerous Native American tribes before being
7 officially created in 1858 from portions of Liberty and Jefferson
8 Counties; it is named for T. J. Chambers, who served as chief
9 justice of the Supreme Court of Coahuila and Texas and as surveyor
10 general; and

11 WHEREAS, Countless tourists enjoy the many attractions and
12 festivals offered by Chambers County; Anahuac, designated as the
13 Alligator Capital of Texas, hosts the Texas Gatorfest each
14 September at Fort Anahuac Park, and a few weeks later, Winnie hosts
15 the Texas Rice Festival, celebrating the annual rice harvest; and

16 WHEREAS, Visitors are also drawn to the area for recreational
17 opportunities, including birding, fishing, hunting, crabbing,
18 boating, camping, and golfing; in particular, Chambers County is
19 home to the Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge, where more than 270
20 species of birds can be seen, and the Candy Cain Abshier Wildlife
21 Management Area, 207 acres along Galveston Bay and Trinity Bay in
22 which numerous birds congregate on their way to and from South
23 America; and

24 WHEREAS, In addition to tourism, the county's economy is

1 supported by the petroleum industry, chemical plants,
2 agribusiness, fish and oyster processing, and manufacturing; and

3 WHEREAS, Located between the Houston metroplex and the Golden
4 Triangle of Beaumont-Orange-Port Arthur, Chambers County offers
5 the calm of rural living with convenient access to big-city
6 amenities, and its residents can indeed take pride in the many
7 distinct features that make this region so special; now, therefore,
8 be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
10 Legislature hereby recognize February 13, 2007, as Chambers County
11 Day at the State Capitol and extend sincere best wishes to all those
12 in attendance for an enjoyable visit to Austin.