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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The celebration of Angelina County Days at the State
2 Capitol on February 21 and 22, 2007, provides a fitting opportunity
3 to recognize this notable part of the Lone Star State and to welcome
4 visitors from the county, including the members of the Lufkin
5 Leadership Class of 2007; and

6 WHEREAS, The lush forests and rolling hills of Angelina
7 County were once home to the Caddo and Atakapa peoples, and legend
8 has it that the county was named for a Hainai Indian woman who aided
9 Spanish missionaries in East Texas in the late 1600s; the first
10 Anglo settlers arrived in 1820, settling near present-day Lufkin;
11 the county was organized in 1846 and grew quickly as newcomers were
12 attracted by ample farming and grazing land and by ready access to
13 the Angelina and Neches Rivers; and

14 WHEREAS, Between these two rivers lay vast tracts of timber,
15 and with the arrival of the railroads in the 1880s, the lumber trade
16 became paramount to the life of Angelina County and continues to
17 employ many residents; the county further enjoys the prosperity
18 brought by such businesses as the manufacturing of oil-field
19 equipment, truck trailers, and mobile homes; the farms and ranches
20 of the county are likewise important, producing poultry, beef,
21 melons, peaches, and pecans; and

22 WHEREAS, A favorite destination for campers, hikers,
23 naturalists, and hunters, the Angelina National Forest offers some
24 of the finest recreational opportunities in the Piney Woods of East

1 Texas; equally popular with lovers of the outdoors is the scenic Sam
2 Rayburn Reservoir, which is renowned for its swimming, boating, and
3 bass fishing; and

4 WHEREAS, Lufkin, the thriving county seat of 33,000 people,
5 contains attractions such as the Texas Forestry Museum, the Museum
6 of East Texas, the Lufkin Historical and Creative Arts Center, the
7 Ellen Trout Zoo, and the Azalea Trail hiking route; and

8 WHEREAS, Blessed by natural beauty and enriched by the
9 accomplishments of its 81,000 resourceful residents, Angelina
10 County is an attractive and dynamic part of East Texas, and the
11 members of this chamber are pleased to honor the many significant
12 contributions of this fine Texas county; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
14 Legislature hereby recognize February 21 and 22, 2007, as Angelina
15 County Days at the State Capitol and extend best wishes to the
16 visiting delegation for a rewarding and memorable trip to Austin.