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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Many proud residents of Bee County are gathering at
2 the State Capitol to celebrate Bee County Day on March 1, 2007; and

3 WHEREAS, Officially organized on January 25, 1858, Bee County
4 was named for Barnard E. Bee, Sr., a South Carolina attorney,
5 soldier, and statesman who joined the Army of the Republic of Texas
6 and served as secretary of war under Sam Houston; recovered
7 artifacts indicate that the area was originally inhabited 6,000 to
8 10,000 years ago; the first permanent European settlers arrived in
9 the early 19th century, and 11 Bee County landowners were among the
10 signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence; and

11 WHEREAS, Located in the South Texas Plains vegetation region,
12 Bee County covers 866 square miles that slope gently toward the Gulf
13 Coast; with the region's open expanses of grasslands, the local
14 economy is dominated by farming and ranching but also welcomes oil
15 and gas extraction and agribusiness; in 1954, the first U.S. Navy
16 all-jet base opened at the Naval Auxiliary Air Station in Beeville,
17 the county seat, and still contributes a significant amount to the
18 region's economy; other towns in the county include Skidmore, Blue
19 Berry Hill, Pettus, Tuleta, Tynan, Pawnee, Normanna, and Mineral;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, The residents of this fine Texas county have played
22 an important part in preserving their region's past and preparing
23 for a productive future, and it is a pleasure to pay tribute to Bee
24 County and its citizens on this special day; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
2 Legislature hereby recognize March 1, 2007, as Bee County Day at the
3 State Capitol and extend to those visiting today sincere best
4 wishes for an enjoyable stay in Austin.