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H.R. No. 619

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of the State of Texas  
2 is pleased to join the visiting citizens of Aransas County in  
3 celebrating March 1, 2007, as Aransas County Day at the State  
4 Capitol; and

5           WHEREAS, Aransas County was created from Refugio County in  
6 1871 and was named after Rio Nuestra Señora de Aranzazu, a name  
7 derived from a famous Spanish palace; and

8           WHEREAS, The county's prime location on the southern coastal  
9 plains and its diversified economy have ensured its prosperity;  
10 agribusiness, tourism, oil and gas production, and fish packing are  
11 the region's major industries; and

12           WHEREAS, Aransas County is home to the Fulton Mansion State  
13 Historic Structure, a three-story, French Second-Empire style  
14 house built by rancher and businessman George W. Fulton, Sr., and to  
15 the Texas Maritime Museum, the official maritime museum of the  
16 State of Texas, which is dedicated to preserving and interpreting  
17 the rich maritime heritage of Texas; and

18           WHEREAS, In the county seat of Rockport, the Rockport Center  
19 for the Arts brings together artists and art lovers in a stimulating  
20 atmosphere, and the Rockport Beach Park has been declared Texas'  
21 only Blue Wave Beach, having met the high-quality standards set by  
22 the Clean Beaches Council; and

23           WHEREAS, The county's Goose Island State Park is home to the  
24 Big Tree, and its fishing piers, boat ramps, and marinas offer

1 outdoor sports enthusiasts abundant recreational opportunities;  
2 nature lovers and bird watchers find in Aransas County a wealth of  
3 places to tour, particularly the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge,  
4 which is full of various species of wildlife and is the principal  
5 wintering ground of the endangered whooping crane; and

6 WHEREAS, Aransas County is a leading participant in our  
7 state's dynamic growth, and its rich cultural traditions are a  
8 source of pride to its citizens and all Texans; now, therefore, be  
9 it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby recognize March 1, 2007, as Aransas County Day  
12 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation best  
13 wishes for an enjoyable and informative stay in Austin.