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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Delta County are gathering in
2 Austin on April 21, 2009, to celebrate Delta County Day at the State
3 Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated amid the rich Blackland Prairie grasslands
5 between the north and south forks of the Sulphur River, Delta County
6 was first inhabited by the Caddo Indians; a French explorer,
7 Francois Hervey, visited the area in 1750; and

8 WHEREAS, The county's first Anglo-American settler, Hugh
9 Castle, settled in the region in the 1820s, followed by other
10 settlers from Tennessee and Kentucky; in 1870, the area was
11 organized into Delta County and named for its triangular shape,
12 which resembles the Greek letter delta; Cooper is the county seat;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The fertile soil of the county yielded large
15 harvests of corn and cotton during the 1800s; over the years,
16 ranching also became a vital part of the county's economy, and
17 today, beef cattle, hay, soybeans, wheat, and cotton are the chief
18 agricultural products; and

19 WHEREAS, In 2009, Delta County has been ranked as 22nd in the
20 list of the top 100 best places to live in the Southwest by
21 *Progressive Farmer* magazine; the county's fine opportunities for
22 recreation include Cooper Lake State Park, where visitors may enjoy
23 boating, fishing, hiking, and camping; and

24 WHEREAS, The Patterson Memorial Delta County Museum in the

1 old Texas-Midland Railroad depot in Cooper exhibits artifacts and
2 memorabilia from the county's early days, while Cooper's
3 picturesque downtown features Miller Drug, with its old-fashioned
4 soda counter and vintage Wurlitzer jukebox; visitors and residents
5 alike enjoy the annual Chiggerfest in October, the Cooper Lake Bass
6 Classic fishing competition, and the Delta County Fair in April;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The citizens of Delta County are justly proud of
9 their agricultural heritage, their rural lifestyle, and their
10 good-neighbor values, and it is indeed a pleasure to celebrate this
11 unique region of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas
13 hereby designate April 21, 2009, as Delta County Day at the State
14 Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes
15 for a memorable and meaningful stay in Austin.