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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 February 11, 2009;
3 and

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

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

22 WHEREAS, The residents of this fine Texas county have played
23 an important part in preserving their region's past and preparing
24 for a productive future, and it is a pleasure to pay tribute to Bee

1 County and its citizens on this special day; now, therefore, be it
2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
3 Legislature hereby recognize February 11, 2009, as Bee County Day
4 at the State Capitol and extend to those visiting today sincere best
5 wishes for an enjoyable stay in Austin.