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H.R. No. 364

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Citizens from Camp County are gathering to celebrate
2 Camp County Day at the State Capitol on February 11, 2009; and

3 WHEREAS, The third smallest county in Texas, Camp County is
4 set among the lovely rolling timberlands of East Texas; the Caddo
5 were the earliest residents in historical times, followed by the
6 Creek, Choctaw, and Cherokee; and

7 WHEREAS, Anglo settlers first moved into the area in the
8 1830s; Pittsburg was founded in 1855 by Major William H. Pitts and
9 became the county seat in 1874, when Camp County was carved out of
10 Upshur County; the new jurisdiction was named for John Lafayette
11 Camp, a state senator; and

12 WHEREAS, While cotton and corn were important to the county's
13 economy in its early years, today the area's chief products are
14 poultry, livestock, peaches, and timber; Camp County is home to the
15 headquarters of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation, the largest chicken
16 producer in the nation; and

17 WHEREAS, The county's many opportunities for recreation
18 include fine bass fishing in area lakes; housed in Pittsburg's old
19 rail depot, the Northeast Texas Rural Heritage Center and Museum
20 showcases the rich history of East Texas and features a replica of
21 the Ezekiel Airship, a Biblically inspired early aircraft; the Ride
22 with the Eagles bike rally in April has one of the most scenic
23 cycling courses in the state, while the county's annual Chickfest
24 celebrates the region's leadership in the poultry industry with a

1 carnival, music, and street vendors; and

2 WHEREAS, Preserving the best of their heritage while looking
3 forward to the opportunities that lie ahead, the citizens of Camp
4 County are to be commended for their industrious spirit and for
5 their continuing contributions to the development of the Lone Star
6 State; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
8 Legislature hereby recognize February 11, 2009, as Camp County Day
9 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
10 best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable stay in Austin.