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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 citizens of Corpus Christi and the Coastal
3 Bend area in recognizing February 25, 2009, as Coastal Bend Day at
4 the State Capitol; and

5 WHEREAS, Home to many of Texas' top attractions, this region
6 along the Gulf Coast is an economic powerhouse with a notable
7 history and a bright future; and

8 WHEREAS, The Padre Island National Seashore's 68-mile beach
9 constitutes the longest undeveloped shoreline in the country and is
10 a favorite of outdoor enthusiasts; the Aransas National Wildlife
11 Refuge draws 75,000 visitors a year, and the Texas Maritime Museum
12 draws more than 1,000 visitors a month; and

13 WHEREAS, The Port of Corpus Christi is the sixth-largest port
14 in the nation and an important strategic deployment port for the
15 United States military; Naval Air Station Kingsville is the United
16 States Navy's largest advanced jet-training base, and Naval Air
17 Station Corpus Christi and Naval Air Station Ingleside have played
18 a vital role in the growth of the area; and

19 WHEREAS, Education plays a major role in the life of Corpus
20 Christi and the Coastal Bend area, with Texas A&M
21 University--Corpus Christi, Texas A&M University--Kingsville, and
22 Del Mar College serving over 26,000 students; Texas A&M
23 University--Kingsville recently opened the doors of its Rangel
24 College of Pharmacy, the state's first professional school to open

1 south of San Antonio, and Texas A&M University--Corpus Christi
2 recently created the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico
3 Studies; and

4 WHEREAS, With its deepwater port facilities, abundant
5 natural resources, and hardworking citizens, the Coastal Bend area
6 of Texas is an inviting place in which to live, work, and raise a
7 family; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
9 Legislature hereby recognize February 25, 2009, as Coastal Bend Day
10 at the State Capitol and commend the residents of the area for their
11 many contributions to the rich cultural and economic fabric of our
12 state.