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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On March 11, 2009, people from across Atascosa
2 County are traveling to the State Capitol to celebrate their
3 community's heritage and to share with fellow Texans their history,
4 traditions, and achievements; and

5 WHEREAS, The name Atascosa, derived from the Spanish word for
6 boggy terrain, was used to describe the area as early as 1788;
7 during the first part of the 19th century, this grassy prairie
8 region of South Texas attracted Spanish, Mexican, and
9 Anglo-American settlers, and by the time of the Texas Revolution,
10 its ranching industry was flourishing; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1856, the region was sufficiently populated to be
12 sectioned off from Bexar County; the original county seat at
13 Navatasco was later permanently moved to the centrally located town
14 of Jourdanton; and

15 WHEREAS, Situated next to the famous Camino Real, the county
16 has long benefited from its proximity to major transportation
17 arteries linking it with the Gulf Coast, the Rio Grande Valley, and
18 Mexico, as well as other major population centers; and

19 WHEREAS, Atascosa County enjoys the economic benefits reaped
20 by an abundance of natural resources and, blessed with productive
21 range and irrigated farmland, the area is known for its farming and
22 ranching industries; and

23 WHEREAS, Proud of its ranching heritage, Pleasanton, the
24 county's trading center, bills itself as the birthplace of the

1 cowboy, a designation symbolized by a large bronze statue in front
2 of city hall; in nearby Poteet, known to many as the Strawberry
3 Capital of the World, a seven-foot, 1,600-pound monument to the
4 fruit graces the front lawn of city hall and a Strawberry Festival,
5 the fourth-largest agricultural festival in the state, takes place
6 in April; and

7 WHEREAS, Other resources such as oil and gas also play a
8 significant role in the county's ongoing development, but the most
9 important asset in the area's increasingly diverse economy is
10 undoubtedly its industrious citizenry; and

11 WHEREAS, For more than a century, residents of Atascosa
12 County have contributed to the economic and cultural development of
13 Texas, and they are justifiably proud of their rich history; it is
14 indeed appropriate that they be honored on this day; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
17 Legislature hereby recognize March 11, 2009, as Atascosa County Day
18 at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to all visitors from
19 that fine county.