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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud citizens of Kingsville are gathering in Austin
2 on March 11, 2009, to celebrate Kingsville Day at the State Capitol;
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4 WHEREAS, Founded on Independence Day 1905, Kingsville is home
5 to the world-famous King Ranch, which helped develop the Santa
6 Gertrudis cattle breed and has long been a prominent supplier of
7 quarter horses; moreover, the ranch was the home of Triple Crown
8 winner Assault and has been a leader in agriculture for more than
9 150 years; and

10 WHEREAS, An important regional center for education, the city
11 is the site of Texas A&M University--Kingsville, which includes the
12 Frank H. Dotterweich College of Engineering, the Dick and Mary
13 Lewis Kleberg College of Agriculture, the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife
14 Research Institute, and the Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy;
15 among its many achievements, the university has claimed seven
16 college football national championships and developed the Star Ruby
17 variety of red grapefruit, and it has been the flagship of higher
18 education in South Texas since 1925; and

19 WHEREAS, Naval Air Station Kingsville is home to the premier
20 undergraduate pilot training facility in the United States, which
21 prepares U.S. Navy and Marine Corps pilots for their key role in
22 national defense; and

23 WHEREAS, Kingsville has volunteered its sons and daughters to
24 take part in every major military conflict fought by the U.S. in the

1 past 100 years; the city's roll call of esteemed veterans includes
2 General Dickie Cavazos, the first four-star general of Mexican
3 American descent in the United States Army; and

4 WHEREAS, Today, this notable South Texas city, along with the
5 rest of Kleberg County and neighboring Kenedy County, is a place of
6 diversified industries; supported by multiple energy sources,
7 including oil, gas, nuclear, wind, and solar generating facilities,
8 the economy of the Kingsville area has continued to grow; this has
9 resulted in new jobs, increased construction, and an improved
10 quality of life for its citizens; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
12 Legislature hereby recognize March 11, 2009, as Kingsville Day at
13 the State Capitol and commend area residents for the countless
14 contributions they have made to the development of the region,
15 state, and country.