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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Port Lavaca Day is taking place at the State Capitol
2 on March 11, 2009, and this event provides a welcome opportunity to
3 pay tribute to the rich history and many achievements of this
4 prominent community on the Texas Gulf Coast; and

5 WHEREAS, Located on a bluff above Lavaca Bay, the town was
6 founded in the early 1840s; it quickly developed into the busiest
7 port in the area and was chosen as the county seat for Calhoun
8 County in 1846, though it lost that status to the nearby port of
9 Indianola six years later; competition with the rival town slowed
10 Port Lavaca's growth in the mid-1800s, but it ultimately regained
11 its prominence and its title as county seat after Indianola was
12 abandoned in the 1880s due to hurricane damage; and

13 WHEREAS, Beginning in the 1920s, Port Lavaca became an
14 important center for processing shrimp and other seafood; in the
15 following decades, the town began serving the oil and gas companies
16 and the aluminum plants and other industries that were established
17 in the area; today, those businesses remain a central part of the
18 city's economy, as do the agricultural and livestock operations in
19 Calhoun County; and

20 WHEREAS, Port Lavaca's bayside setting has also made it a
21 popular tourism destination since the late 1800s, and it offers a
22 number of exceptional attractions for visitors; anglers can cast a
23 line from several lighted fishing piers on the bay, and Lighthouse
24 Beach offers white sand, a boardwalk, and R.V. and camping

1 facilities; the beach also has special bird-watching areas, and the
2 city makes a great base of operations for visiting other birding
3 spots along the coast; vacationers of all sorts enjoy Port Lavaca's
4 Main Street shopping district and interesting historical sights
5 such as the Halfmoon Reef Lighthouse, the state's oldest surviving
6 wooden lighthouse; and

7 WHEREAS, The residents of Port Lavaca are justifiably proud
8 of their city's heritage and of the many qualities that make their
9 community a great place to live and to visit, and they are to be
10 commended for their contributions to the ongoing prosperity of the
11 Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize March 11, 2009, as Port Lavaca Day at
14 the State Capitol and extend best wishes to the visiting delegation
15 for an enjoyable and productive stay in Austin.