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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Uvalde County are gathering in
2 Austin to celebrate Uvalde County Day at the State Capitol on March
3 11, 2009; and

4 WHEREAS, The area was once a hunting ground of the Comanche,
5 Tonkawa, and Lipan Apache peoples; a Spanish mission was
6 established in the region in 1762, and in 1790 Juan de Ugalde, the
7 governor of Coahuila, won a decisive victory over the Apaches; the
8 site of the battle was named in honor of the governor, and an
9 altered spelling of his name--Uvalde--was later applied to the
10 county; and

11 WHEREAS, Permanent settlers began to arrive in the 1850s, and
12 Uvalde County was established in 1856; a rough-and-tumble frontier
13 area during and after the Civil War, the county became a ranching
14 center in the late 1800s and was also renowned for its honey, which
15 took first prize at the Paris World's Fair in 1900; today, the
16 county's economy continues to be based on agribusiness, including
17 farming and the raising of livestock such as cattle, sheep, and
18 goats; and

19 WHEREAS, Four spring-fed rivers, the Nueces, Leona, Sabinal,
20 and Frio, have cut ruggedly beautiful canyons through the region's
21 rolling hills; the county draws hunters from around the state with
22 its abundance of deer, quail, doves, and turkey, while swimmers,
23 campers, bird-watchers, and other outdoors enthusiasts enjoy the
24 scenic delights of Garner State Park; and

1 WHEREAS, Founded in the 1850s, county seat Uvalde is home to
2 the Aviation Museum of Texas at the former Garner Army Air Field;
3 the John Nance Garner Home and Museum celebrates the life of the
4 former vice president of the United States, and the town is also the
5 home of the Sahawe Indian Dancers, who help preserve the Native
6 American cultural practices of the Southwest with their popular
7 dance performances; and

8 WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich history even as they work to
9 build a bright future, the citizens of Uvalde County may take great
10 pride in the contributions that this unique region has made to 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 Uvalde County Day
14 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
15 best wishes for a memorable and meaningful stay in Austin.