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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of the city of Crockett are  
2 gathering in Austin on April 15, 2009, to celebrate Crockett Day at  
3 the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, The region where Crockett is located has played a  
5 prominent role in Texas history; the town is situated on the route  
6 of El Camino Real, or the Old San Antonio Road, which was used by  
7 Spanish missionaries and other early settlers, and in 1836, Davy  
8 Crockett is thought to have camped in the area on his way to the  
9 Alamo; when the town was founded the following year, it was named in  
10 Crockett's honor and became the seat of Houston County, the first  
11 county established by the Republic of Texas; and

12 WHEREAS, Today, visitors can explore the area's history at a  
13 number of notable sites, including the Rice Log Cabin, an original  
14 stagecoach house now located at Mission Tejas State Park, and the  
15 1909 Crockett Railroad Depot, which serves as a visitor center and  
16 museum; another historic landmark is the Monroe-Crook House, built  
17 in 1854 by a relative of President James Monroe, which reflects the  
18 elegant architectural tastes of some of the city's early citizens;  
19 this home and other vintage buildings in Crockett create a charming  
20 atmosphere and make the town a popular stop on the Texas Forest  
21 Trail driving route; and

22 WHEREAS, Crockett and surrounding towns boast a number of  
23 other popular attractions, including the Houston County Fair,  
24 Christmas in Crockett, the Peanut Festival in Grapeland, and the

1 Lovefest in Lovelady; moreover, the area has become a well-known  
2 center for music, with numerous performances being presented by the  
3 Dennis Ivey Texas Opry, the Piney Woods Fine Arts Association, the  
4 Lovelady Old Gym, and other venues and organizations; special  
5 events such as the World Championship Fiddler's Festival, the Texas  
6 Forest Country Western Swing Festival, and gospel and bluegrass  
7 festivals further enhance the community's musical offerings; and

8         WHEREAS, A productive area for business and industry, Houston  
9 County is home to companies such as Vulcraft Group, the Christopher  
10 Lumber Company, Earl's Apparel, Alloy Polymers, ElastoTech  
11 SouthWest, P Chem, and the East Texas Medical Center, to name but a  
12 few of the many enterprises that help drive the local economy; and

13         WHEREAS, County businesses benefit from the dedicated  
14 efforts of the Crockett Area Chamber of Commerce, a member-driven  
15 organization that provides valuable assistance to new and existing  
16 companies and serves as an advocate and an information resource on  
17 issues affecting local commerce; and

18         WHEREAS, The cooperative actions of the chamber are  
19 indicative of the friendly, community-oriented outlook of  
20 Crockett's citizens, whose actions have helped build an attractive,  
21 livable, and prosperous town that is enjoyed by residents and  
22 visitors alike; now, therefore, be it

23         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
24 Legislature hereby recognize April 15, 2009, as Crockett Day at the  
25 State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best  
26 wishes for a productive and enjoyable visit to Austin.