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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud citizens of Corsicana and Navarro County are
2 coming together in Austin on March 10, 2011, to celebrate
3 Corsicana/Navarro County Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, This region of rolling blackland prairie was once
5 inhabited by the Ione, Kickapoo, and Comanche, and early
6 Anglo-American settlers built a fort on the Navasota River in 1833;
7 Navarro County was officially organized in 1846 and named for Jose
8 Antonio Navarro, a hero of the Texas Revolution; and

9 WHEREAS, Corsicana was founded in 1848 as the county seat and
10 named after the island of Corsica, the birthplace of Mr. Navarro's
11 parents; the arrival of the railroad after the Civil War helped
12 Corsicana to become the region's leading center for the trading and
13 shipping of cotton, grain, wool, and hides; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1894, drillers seeking more water for Corsicana's
15 growing population struck oil and gas instead, leading to the first
16 oil boom and the longest continual flow of oil in Texas; since that
17 initial strike, more than 200 million barrels of oil have been
18 produced in the county; and

19 WHEREAS, Today, Navarro County's multifaceted economy
20 revolves around advanced manufacturing, information technology,
21 the oil and gas industries, and agriculture, primarily the
22 production of cattle, cotton, sorghum, corn, and wheat; and

23 WHEREAS, Corsicana is known far and wide for its DeLuxe
24 Fruitcake, a creation of the 114-year-old Collin Street Bakery; the

1 town is also home to the Navarro Pecan Company, the largest
2 pecan-shelling facility in the world, as well as a Russell Stover
3 candy factory; and

4 WHEREAS, Notable attractions in Corsicana include the Lefty
5 Frizzell Country Music Museum, the restored Palace Theatre, and
6 Pioneer Village, a re-creation of a 19th-century Texas town; in
7 addition, Navarro College boasts the Cook Center Planetarium, the
8 largest domed theater in Texas, and the Pearce Museum, which
9 contains extensive collections of Civil War documents and Western
10 art; and

11 WHEREAS, Residents and visitors alike enjoy abundant
12 opportunities for boating, fishing, waterskiing, and other such
13 pastimes, thanks to the proximity of Richland-Chambers Reservoir,
14 Navarro Mills Lake, and Lake Halbert; and

15 WHEREAS, Honoring their rich heritage even as they embrace
16 the challenges and opportunities of the future, the citizens of
17 Corsicana and Navarro County may indeed take pride in the vital role
18 their community has played in the story of the Lone Star State; now,
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
21 Legislature hereby recognize March 10, 2011, as Corsicana/Navarro
22 County Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting
23 delegation best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in
24 Austin.