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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 February 9, 2011, to celebrate Kingsville Day at the State  
3 Capitol; and

4           WHEREAS, Founded on Independence Day in 1905, Kingsville is  
5 home 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 continues to be one of the largest oil and gas  
10 producers in the state; and

11           WHEREAS, An important center of higher education in South  
12 Texas since 1925, Texas A&M University--Kingsville includes the  
13 Frank H. Dotterweich College of Engineering, the Dick and Mary  
14 Lewis Kleberg College of Agriculture, the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife  
15 Research Institute, and the Texas A&M Health Science Center--Irma  
16 Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy; the university has claimed seven  
17 national football championships and has recently been recognized  
18 for its excellent environmental engineering program, fine arts  
19 program, jazz band, school of education and wildlife society; this  
20 fine institution saw enrollment increase more than 12 percent in  
21 fall 2010 and has opened a new dormitory and student recreation  
22 center, with construction on two more residence halls and a new  
23 dining facility already under way; and

24           WHEREAS, Naval Air Station Kingsville features the premier

1 undergraduate pilot training facility in the United States, which  
2 prepares U.S. Navy and Marine Corps pilots for their key role in  
3 national defense; within the past two years, the base has added an  
4 Army Reserve Medical Evacuation unit and an Armed Forces Reserve  
5 Center; moreover, construction has begun on a new facility to be  
6 used by U.S. Border Patrol agents stationed in the area; and

7       WHEREAS, Kingsville, along with the rest of Kleberg County  
8 and neighboring Kenedy County, is a place of diversified  
9 industries; thanks to the presence of companies producing oil, gas,  
10 nuclear, wind, and solar power, the area's economy has continued to  
11 grow, resulting in new jobs and an improved quality of life for  
12 residents; among the Kingsville businesses that are presently  
13 expanding their facilities and employment offerings are Texas  
14 Cementing Services and Proco, Inc.; and

15       WHEREAS, The city of Kingsville is the region's center for  
16 health care, with an outstanding medical facility, the CHRISTUS  
17 Spohn Hospital Kingsville; and

18       WHEREAS, The hardworking and forward-looking citizens of  
19 Kingsville are building on a long tradition of progressive  
20 development, and their achievements are indeed deserving of special  
21 recognition; now, therefore, be it

22       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
23 Legislature hereby recognize February 9, 2011, as Kingsville Day at  
24 the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere  
25 best wishes for a memorable stay in Austin.