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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Corpus Christi and the Coastal
2 Bend area are gathering in Austin on March 1, 2011, to celebrate
3 Coastal Bend Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Home to many of Texas' top attractions, this region
5 along the Gulf Coast is an economic powerhouse with a notable
6 history and a bright future; and

7 WHEREAS, The Padre Island National Seashore's 68-mile beach
8 constitutes the longest undeveloped barrier island in the world and
9 is a favorite of outdoor enthusiasts; the Aransas National Wildlife
10 Refuge draws 80,000 visitors a year, and the Texas Maritime Museum
11 draws more than 1,000 visitors a month; and

12 WHEREAS, The Port of Corpus Christi is the sixth-largest port
13 in the nation and an important strategic deployment port for the
14 United States military; Naval Air Station Kingsville is one of the
15 United States Navy's premier jet-training bases, and Naval Air
16 Station Corpus Christi has played a vital role in the growth of the
17 area; and

18 WHEREAS, Postsecondary education is also important in the
19 life of Corpus Christi and the Coastal Bend area, with Texas A&M
20 University--Corpus Christi, Texas A&M University--Kingsville, and
21 Del Mar College serving over 28,000 students; in 2006, Texas A&M
22 University--Kingsville opened the doors of its Rangel College of
23 Pharmacy, the first health-related professional school to open in
24 South Texas, and in 2005, Texas A&M University--Corpus Christi

1 opened the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies; and

2 WHEREAS, With its deepwater port facilities, abundant
3 natural resources, and hardworking citizens, the Coastal Bend area
4 of Texas is an inviting place in which to live, work, and raise a
5 family; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
7 Legislature hereby recognize March 1, 2011, as Coastal Bend Day at
8 the State Capitol and commend the residents of the area for their
9 many contributions to the rich cultural and economic fabric of our
10 state.