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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Falls County and the City of
2 Marlin are gathering in Austin on February 17, 2011, to celebrate
3 Falls County and Marlin Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Taking its name from the falls of the Brazos River,
5 the area has a long and colorful history; in the early days, the
6 site of the falls served as an important river crossing and campsite
7 for American Indians and white settlers; several Indian tribes used
8 the surrounding area as hunting grounds, and Cherokees settled in
9 the environs in the 1830s; Americans of European descent first
10 arrived in the vicinity in 1819, but they did not establish a
11 permanent presence until after Sterling C. Robertson formed the
12 Nashville colony in 1830; following the Texas Revolution, settlers
13 from the United States began moving into the area in increasing
14 numbers; and

15 WHEREAS, Falls County was officially created in 1850 from
16 portions of Limestone and Milam Counties; situated in the Blackland
17 Prairie, Falls County covers 765 square miles of gently rolling
18 terrain that is bisected by the Brazos River; farming and ranching
19 have always been important industries in the area, and the rich,
20 fertile soil has produced abundant crops of cotton, corn, wheat,
21 and grain sorghum, as well as provided excellent pastureland for
22 raising cattle; in addition to Marlin, communities in the county
23 include Rosebud, Lott, Golinda, Sunrise, Reagan, Satin, Perry, and
24 Otto; and

1 WHEREAS, Marlin became the county seat on January 30, 1851;
2 originally called Adams, the community was soon renamed in honor of
3 John Marlin, one of the first Anglo settlers in the county; the town
4 incorporated in 1867, and four years later it welcomed the arrival
5 of its first railroad, the Houston and Texas Central; Marlin's
6 character as an agricultural and trade center underwent further
7 evolution after 1892, when drilling in the town tapped into hot
8 mineral artesian water; the discovery led to Marlin's development
9 as a noted health resort, and for more than 50 years, people would
10 travel to the town to bathe in its spas; and

11 WHEREAS, Many accomplished Texans have called Marlin home,
12 among them United States senator Thomas Connally, who played an
13 instrumental role in the creation of the United Nations and NATO,
14 and bluesman and slide guitar virtuoso "Blind Willie" Johnson; jazz
15 artist Bobbi Humphrey, known as the "First Lady of the Flute," was
16 born in Marlin, while LaDainian Tomlinson, who was named both the
17 NFL Most Valuable Player and the Walter Payton Man of the Year for
18 2006, is from Rosebud; and

19 WHEREAS, Today, Marlin offers natural beauty, small-town
20 charm, and a wide array of social and recreational resources;
21 adding to the town's quality of life are a new library, a community
22 playhouse, and a number of social organizations, including what is
23 reportedly the oldest musical club in the state; moreover, the
24 calendar is dotted throughout the year with a variety of special
25 events; and

26 WHEREAS, The hardworking citizens of Falls County and Marlin
27 can take justifiable pride in their rich history as they continue to

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1 build a bright future, and this is indeed a fitting opportunity to
2 honor their many contributions to the Lone Star State; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
5 Legislature hereby recognize February 17, 2011, as Falls County and
6 Marlin Day at the State Capitol and extend sincere best wishes to
7 all those in attendance for an enjoyable visit to Austin.

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