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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Residents of Chambers County are gathering at the  
2 State Capitol on February 16, 2011, to celebrate the unique  
3 qualities of their Southeast Texas home; and

4           WHEREAS, Situated on some 600 square miles of Gulf Coast  
5 plains, the area that is now Chambers County has a long and colorful  
6 history, having been home to a Spanish mission in the mid-1700s and  
7 a short-lived French colony in 1818; later, in 1832 and 1835,  
8 disturbances at Anahuac between settlers and Mexican authorities  
9 foreshadowed the Texas Revolution; the county was officially  
10 created in 1858 from portions of Liberty and Jefferson Counties and  
11 named for T. J. Chambers, a prominent local resident; and

12           WHEREAS, Anahuac serves as the county seat, and other  
13 communities include Beach City, Cove, Double Bayou, Hankamer, Mont  
14 Belvieu, Oak Island, Old River-Winfree, Smith Point, Stowell,  
15 Wallisville, and Winnie; located between the Houston metropolitan  
16 area and the Golden Triangle of Beaumont-Orange-Port Arthur, the  
17 county combines the calm of rural living with convenient access to  
18 big-city amenities; and

19           WHEREAS, Tourists enjoy the many attractions and festivals  
20 offered by the county; Anahuac, designated as the Alligator Capital  
21 of Texas, hosts the Texas Gatorfest each September, and a few weeks  
22 later, Winnie hosts the Texas Rice Festival, celebrating the annual  
23 rice harvest; and

24           WHEREAS, Visitors are also drawn to the area for recreational

1 opportunities such as birding, fishing, hunting, crabbing,  
2 boating, camping, and golfing; Chambers County is home to the  
3 Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge, where more than 270 species of  
4 birds can be seen, as well as the Candy Cain Abshier Wildlife  
5 Management Area, Wallisville Heritage Park, Houston Raceway Park,  
6 Moody National Wildlife Refuge, and the Trinity River Recreation  
7 Area; and

8       WHEREAS, In addition to tourism, the county's economy is  
9 supported by the petroleum industry, chemical plants,  
10 agribusiness, fish and oyster processing, and manufacturing; and

11       WHEREAS, Treasuring their rich history as they work to build  
12 a bright future, the citizens of Chambers County are justifiably  
13 proud of their community, and it is most fitting to take this  
14 opportunity to honor their contributions to the Lone Star State;  
15 now, therefore, be it

16       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
17 Legislature hereby recognize February 16, 2011, as Chambers County  
18 Day at the State Capitol and extend sincere best wishes to all those  
19 in attendance for an enjoyable visit to Austin.