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H.R. No. 528

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Proud residents of Goliad County are gathering at  
2 the State Capitol on March 29, 2011, to celebrate their region's  
3 singular stature in the history and culture of the Lone Star State;  
4 and

5           WHEREAS, Home to at least four Native American tribes, the  
6 area now known as Goliad County was first settled by Europeans in  
7 1749, although such legendary explorers as Cabeza de Vaca and La  
8 Salle may have visited the area in the centuries before; and

9           WHEREAS, One of the first 23 counties established by the  
10 first Congress of the Republic of Texas, Goliad played a central  
11 role in the struggles and triumphs of the Texas Revolution, and the  
12 first Declaration of Texas Independence was signed in the town of  
13 Goliad in 1835; and

14           WHEREAS, Early Goliad County was known as an enclave of  
15 freewheeling frontiersmen, but civilizing influences soon set the  
16 county on the path toward stability and prosperity; and

17           WHEREAS, Historic landmarks that extol the area's colorful  
18 past can be found throughout the county and include Fannin Plaza  
19 Park, the grave of Colonel James W. Fannin, Jr., and his men, the  
20 Goliad County Courthouse, Goliad State Park, and the General  
21 Zaragoza State Historic Site; and

22           WHEREAS, The county's rich historical significance, combined  
23 with the warmth of its present-day residents, has made it a popular  
24 destination among tourists from around the state, who enjoy such

1 events as the seasonal Goliad Market Days and the annual Missions  
2 Tour de Goliad; and

3 WHEREAS, Citizens of Goliad County have made many notable  
4 contributions to the cultural fabric of the Lone Star State, and the  
5 residents here today may take special pride in the place that they  
6 call home; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
8 Legislature hereby recognize March 29, 2011, as Goliad County Day  
9 at the State Capitol and welcome the members of the visiting  
10 delegation to Austin.