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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, On April 6, 2011, residents from across Atascosa  
2 County are traveling to the State Capitol to celebrate their  
3 community's heritage and to share with fellow Texans their history,  
4 traditions, and achievements; and

5           WHEREAS, The name Atascosa, derived from the Spanish word for  
6 boggy terrain, was used to describe the area as early as 1788;  
7 during the first part of the 19th century, this grassy prairie  
8 region of South Texas attracted Spanish, Mexican, and  
9 Anglo-American settlers, and by the time of the Texas Revolution,  
10 its ranching industry was flourishing; and

11           WHEREAS, In 1856, the region was sufficiently populated to be  
12 sectioned off from Bexar County; the county seat, originally at  
13 Navatasco, was later permanently moved to the centrally located  
14 town of Jourdanton; and

15           WHEREAS, Situated near the famous Camino Real, the county has  
16 long benefited from its proximity to major transportation arteries  
17 linking it with the Gulf Coast, the Rio Grande Valley, and Mexico,  
18 as well as other major population centers; and

19           WHEREAS, Atascosa County enjoys the economic benefits reaped  
20 by an abundance of natural resources and, blessed with productive  
21 range and irrigated farmland, the area is known for its  
22 agricultural industries; and

23           WHEREAS, Proud of its ranching heritage, Pleasanton, the  
24 county's trading center, bills itself as the birthplace of the

1 cowboy, a designation symbolized by a large bronze statue in front  
2 of city hall; in nearby Poteet, known to many as the Strawberry  
3 Capital of the World, a seven-foot, 1,600-pound monument to the  
4 fruit graces the front lawn of city hall, and a Strawberry Festival,  
5 the fourth-largest agricultural festival in the state, takes place  
6 in April; and

7         WHEREAS, Other resources such as oil and gas also play a  
8 significant role in the county's ongoing development, but the most  
9 important asset in the area's increasingly diverse economy is  
10 undoubtedly its industrious citizenry; and

11         WHEREAS, The residents of Atascosa County have made many  
12 notable contributions to the economy and culture of Texas, and they  
13 may take justifiable pride in the place that they call home; now,  
14 therefore, be it

15         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
16 Legislature hereby recognize April 6, 2011, as Atascosa County Day  
17 at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to all visitors from  
18 that fine county.