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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of McMullen County are gathering in
2 Austin to celebrate McMullen County Day at the State Capitol on
3 March 23, 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, Located in the center of South Texas, McMullen
5 County is made up of more than 1,000 square miles of flat and
6 rolling brushland; artifacts discovered in the county indicate that
7 human settlement dates back perhaps as far as 11,000 years, with
8 groups of hunter-gatherers in the area until the 1700s; and

9 WHEREAS, Several Spanish expeditions passed through the area
10 in the 17th and 18th centuries, but the population was sparse until
11 shortly before the Civil War, when settlers began to move in to take
12 advantage of the grasslands where wild mustangs and cattle could be
13 found; and

14 WHEREAS, The county was established in 1858, and a group of
15 resourceful adventurers settled where the Leoncita Creek flowed
16 into the Rio Frio; the town was first called Rio Frio, then Dog
17 Town, and finally Tilden, after Samuel J. (Whispering Sammy)
18 Tilden, the unsuccessful Democratic candidate for president in
19 1876; the town eventually became the county seat; and

20 WHEREAS, Cattle and sheep ranching dominate the county's
21 economy, though oil and gas have grown in importance since the
22 1930s, and the region is also a destination for hunters; and

23 WHEREAS, McMullen County residents are stewards of an area of
24 fascinating history and culture, and their unique county merits

1 special recognition; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
3 Legislature hereby recognize March 23, 2011, as McMullen County Day
4 at the State Capitol and extend best wishes to the visiting
5 delegation for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.