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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Uvalde County are gathering in  
2 Austin to celebrate Uvalde County Day at the State Capitol on March  
3 16, 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, The area was once a hunting ground of the Comanche,  
5 Tonkawa, and Lipan Apache peoples; a Spanish mission was  
6 established in the region in 1762, and in 1790 Juan de Ugalde, the  
7 governor of Coahuila, won a decisive victory over the Apaches; the  
8 site of the battle was named in honor of the governor, and an  
9 altered spelling of his name--Uvalde--was later applied to the  
10 county; and

11 WHEREAS, Permanent settlers began to arrive in the 1850s, and  
12 Uvalde County was established in 1856; a rough-and-tumble frontier  
13 area during and after the Civil War, the county became a ranching  
14 center in the late 1800s and was also renowned for its honey, which  
15 took first prize at the Paris World's Fair in 1900; today, the  
16 county's economy continues to be based on agribusiness, including  
17 farming and the raising of livestock such as cattle, sheep, and  
18 goats; and

19 WHEREAS, Four spring-fed rivers, the Nueces, Leona, Sabinal,  
20 and Frio, have cut ruggedly beautiful canyons through the region's  
21 rolling hills; the county draws hunters from around the state with  
22 its abundance of deer, quail, doves, and turkey, while swimmers,  
23 campers, bird-watchers, and other outdoors enthusiasts enjoy the  
24 scenic delights of Garner State Park; and

1           WHEREAS, Founded in the 1850s, the city of Uvalde is the  
2 county seat and is home to a number of attractions; the Aviation  
3 Museum at Garner Field houses World War II memorabilia and aircraft  
4 in an original army airfield hangar, and the Briscoe Art and Antique  
5 Collection displays works collected by former Texas governor Dolph  
6 Briscoe and his wife; in addition, the town hosts performances by  
7 the Sahawe Indian Dancers, who help preserve the Native American  
8 cultural practices of the Southwest with their popular dance  
9 performances; and

10           WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich history even as they work to  
11 build a bright future, the citizens of Uvalde County may take great  
12 pride in the contributions that this unique region has made to the  
13 Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

14           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
15 Legislature hereby recognize March 16, 2011, as Uvalde County Day  
16 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere  
17 best wishes for a memorable and meaningful stay in Austin.