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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Hopkins County are gathering in
2 Austin on March 29, 2011, to celebrate Hopkins County Day at the
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Hopkins County has an area of 789 square miles with
5 both blackland prairie and piney wood terrain; originally inhabited
6 by the Caddo and then the Cherokee people, the county was created in
7 1846 and named for a family of pioneers; Sulphur Springs was made
8 the county seat in 1870; and

9 WHEREAS, Corn, wheat, sheep, and cattle were agriculturally
10 important in the 19th century, but cotton became the dominant crop
11 between 1890 and 1930; in 1937 the Carnation Milk Company opened a
12 processing plant in the county, and its presence, in conjunction
13 with better road and rail transportation, allowed dairy farming to
14 become the major agricultural undertaking; in 1990 the county
15 boasted nearly 500 dairies supplying 17 percent of the state's
16 total milk; and

17 WHEREAS, Today, Hopkins County has a population of over
18 35,000, with more than 15,000 people residing in Sulphur Springs;
19 along with dairy production, tourism and food processing and
20 distribution are mainstays of the economy, as are beef cattle and
21 breeding horses; and

22 WHEREAS, Sulphur Springs features a number of popular
23 attractions, including the Southwest Dairy Center and Museum, the
24 Leo St. Clair Music Box Museum, and the Hopkins County Heritage

1 Museum and Park; moreover, the area is a well-known center for
2 aquatic recreation, with Lake Fork and Cooper Lake State Park
3 offering opportunities for trophy bass fishing, as well as boating
4 and swimming; bird-watchers, hikers, and campers also seek out the
5 county, and special events like the Texas State Champion Homemade
6 Ice Cream Freeze Off at the Hopkins County Dairy Festival in June
7 are enjoyed by residents and visitors alike; and

8 WHEREAS, Hopkins County is one of the Lone Star State's true
9 treasures, and its citizens justifiably take great pride in the
10 history and character of their splendid communities; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize March 29, 2011, as Hopkins County Day
14 at the State Capitol and extend sincere best wishes to the visiting
15 delegation for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.