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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Lufkin and Angelina County are  
2 gathering in Austin on February 7, 2013, to celebrate Lufkin and  
3 Angelina County Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Set among the pine and hardwood forests of East  
5 Texas, this verdant area was first inhabited by the Caddo and  
6 Atakapan people; the county is said to be named after a Hainai  
7 Indian girl who aided Spanish missionaries in the early 1690s; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1801, a settler named Vincente Micheli purchased  
9 5-1/2 leagues of land in the area from the chief of the Bedias  
10 tribe; Anglo American settlers began to arrive in 1820, and the  
11 Mexican government issued land grants in the region in the  
12 mid-1830s; after Texas independence, Angelina County was  
13 established from part of Nacogdoches County in 1846, and Lufkin was  
14 made county seat in 1892; and

15 WHEREAS, Following the arrival of the railroad in 1882,  
16 lumber became the foundation of Angelina County's economy; by the  
17 turn of the 20th century, the nation's need for southern pine  
18 supported more than 15 lumber companies in the county; today,  
19 lumber, paper, and the manufacturing of oil-field equipment  
20 continue to be mainstays of the county's prosperity; and

21 WHEREAS, Residents and visitors alike enjoy the region's fine  
22 recreational opportunities; the Angelina National Forest is a  
23 favorite for hikers and campers, while the Sam Rayburn Reservoir is  
24 known for its boating, fishing, and waterskiing; the county's

1 forestlands are also a prime habitat for many species of birds,  
2 drawing birdwatchers from around the state and nation; and

3       WHEREAS, As the largest town and the seat of government,  
4 Lufkin serves as the center of operations for many of the businesses  
5 in the county, particularly those revolving around the processing  
6 of lumber and wood products; that industry's development is  
7 chronicled at the Texas Forestry Museum, and the city includes  
8 several other notable attractions, including the Museum of East  
9 Texas, the Ellen Trout Zoo and Park, and the Medford Collection of  
10 Western Art, which exhibits the work of notable contemporary  
11 artists; in addition, Lufkin is home to the campus of Angelina  
12 College; and

13       WHEREAS, Its scenic beauty and the industriousness and  
14 creativity of its people combine to make Angelina County a vital and  
15 dynamic part of the Lone Star State, and the members of this chamber  
16 take great pleasure in recognizing this fine county's contribution  
17 to the heritage of Texas; now, therefore, be it

18       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
19 Legislature hereby recognize February 7, 2013, as Lufkin and  
20 Angelina County Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting  
21 delegation best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in  
22 Austin.