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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Corpus Christi and the Coastal
2 Bend area are gathering in Austin on March 5, 2013, to celebrate
3 Coastal Bend Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Home to many of Texas' top attractions, this region
5 along the Gulf Coast is an economic powerhouse with a notable
6 history and a bright future; and

7 WHEREAS, The Padre Island National Seashore's 68-mile beach
8 constitutes the longest undeveloped barrier island in the world and
9 is a favorite of outdoor enthusiasts; the Aransas National Wildlife
10 Refuge draws 80,000 visitors a year, and another attraction, the
11 Texas Maritime Museum, completed a new expansion of its educational
12 and collections space in 2012; and

13 WHEREAS, The Port of Corpus Christi is the fifth-largest port
14 in the nation and an important strategic deployment port for the
15 United States military; Naval Air Station Kingsville is one of the
16 United States Navy's premier jet-training bases, and Naval Air
17 Station Corpus Christi has played a vital role in the growth of the
18 area; and

19 WHEREAS, Postsecondary education is also important in the
20 life of Corpus Christi and the Coastal Bend area, with Texas A&M
21 University--Corpus Christi, Texas A&M University--Kingsville, and
22 Del Mar College serving over 38,000 students; in 2006, Texas A&M
23 University--Kingsville opened the doors of its Rangel College of
24 Pharmacy, the first health-related professional school to open in

1 South Texas, and in 2005, Texas A&M University--Corpus Christi
2 opened the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies; and

3 WHEREAS, With its deepwater port facilities, abundant
4 natural resources, and hardworking citizens, the Coastal Bend area
5 of Texas is an inviting place in which to live, work, and raise a
6 family; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
8 Legislature hereby recognize March 5, 2013, as Coastal Bend Day at
9 the State Capitol and commend the residents of the area for their
10 many contributions to the rich cultural and economic fabric of our
11 state.