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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Many proud citizens of Dimmit County are visiting
2 the State Capitol on March 6, 2013, to celebrate the prominent role
3 this southwestern Texas county has played in the annals of our
4 state; and

5 WHEREAS, According to archeological evidence, humans have
6 inhabited the area of Dimmit County for at least 11,000 years; the
7 native Coahuiltecas were eventually pushed out by Apaches and
8 Comanches, as well as by Europeans, with the Spanish passing
9 through via the famed Old San Antonio Road in the late 1600s; and

10 WHEREAS, Dimmit County was named after Philip Dimmitt, one of
11 the framers of the Goliad Declaration of Independence; established
12 in 1858, it was formally organized in 1880 with Carrizo Springs as
13 its county seat; the town flourished and cattle ranchers
14 established themselves in the county; by 1890, it was home to nearly
15 100 farms and ranches, averaging over 4,000 acres in size; and

16 WHEREAS, In the first decades of the 20th century, the use of
17 underground water facilitated the introduction of commercial
18 agriculture, bringing new settlers and soaring land values; the
19 long growing season and new irrigation methods combined to make the
20 county one of the most prolific vegetable-growing areas in the
21 country, and it gained recognition as part of the Texas Winter
22 Garden Region; and

23 WHEREAS, Drought and the Great Depression took a toll on
24 agriculture in the county in the first half of the 20th century, but

1 vegetable farming rebounded following World War II; later, water
2 supply problems again hampered farming and ranching regained
3 dominance in the economy, and oil and gas production became
4 increasingly important; the area continues to be known for its
5 abundance of mineral resources; and

6 WHEREAS, Today, Dimmit County has a population estimated at
7 more than 10,000, and oil and gas company investment in the Eagle
8 Ford Shale is bringing rapid development and a rush of newcomers;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The industrious citizens of this vital Texas county
11 can take justifiable pride in its history as they prepare to embrace
12 the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead in a new era of
13 progress; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
15 Legislature hereby recognize March 6, 2013, as Dimmit County Day at
16 the State Capitol and extend to the delegation sincere best wishes
17 for an enjoyable and memorable visit.