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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Real County are beginning a
2 yearlong celebration of the county's centennial with a Birthday
3 Bash Weekend on April 5 and 6, 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated among the rugged canyonlands of the
5 Balcones Escarpment, this striking country was first inhabited by
6 Paleo-Americans 7,000 years ago; later residents and visitors
7 included the Tonkawa Indians, the Lipan Apaches, and Franciscan
8 priests of the Spanish empire; John and Nancy Leakey were among the
9 first Anglo pioneers in 1856, settling in Frio Canyon near the site
10 of the town that now bears their name; the community of Rio Frio was
11 settled around the same time, and Camp Wood was created by the U.S.
12 military in 1857 and later used by the Confederate Army and the
13 Texas Rangers; and

14 WHEREAS, Leakey originally served as the seat of Edwards
15 County, but in 1891, the county seat was moved to Rocksprings,
16 requiring citizens of Leakey to travel on horseback through
17 difficult terrain to do any official business; as a result, on April
18 3, 1913, the Texas Legislature created a new county out of parts of
19 Edwards, Bandera, and Kerr Counties, with its seat in Leakey;
20 originally slated to be called Murphy County, the name was changed
21 to honor Julius Real, a former county judge and the only Republican
22 at the time in the Texas State Senate; and

23 WHEREAS, Throughout 2013, the county's residents are
24 celebrating their first 100 years with a variety of events; the

1 Birthday Bash Weekend will include the unveiling of a Texas
2 Historical Marker, a golf tournament, a quilt exhibit, a mohair
3 style show, and a barbecue and street dance, to be followed by
4 Pioneer Days in late April, when the lifestyle and activities of the
5 county's original settlers will be reenacted; and

6 WHEREAS, The festivities continue on Labor Day Weekend, which
7 will feature the performance of a melodrama based on the county's
8 history, and again in October, with the Camp Wood Centennial
9 Celebration, which will include a parade, a salsa cook-off, and a
10 cowboy symposium; regular annual events such as the Frio Canyon
11 July Jubilee and the Nueces Canyon Old Settlers Reunion will also
12 incorporate the theme of the centennial; and

13 WHEREAS, Real County's distinctive landscape and rich
14 heritage represent a unique contribution to the history of the Lone
15 Star State, and the people of the county may take justifiable pride
16 in their strong community ties and independent spirit; now,
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
19 Legislature hereby commemorate the centennial of Real County and
20 extend to the county's residents sincere best wishes for a
21 meaningful and memorable year of celebration; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for Real County as an expression of high regard by the
24 Texas House of Representatives.