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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Burleson County are gathering in
2 Austin on March 26, 2013, to celebrate the unique role their county
3 has played in the history and culture of the Lone Star State; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated among rolling hills and along the broad
5 valley of the Brazos River, the rich farmland of Burleson County was
6 originally inhabited by the Tonkawa Indians; the first European to
7 visit the region was the French explorer and trader Louis Juchereau
8 de St. Denis; when Anglo-Americans started to settle there during
9 the 1820s, the Mexican government placed a fort along the western
10 bank of the Brazos to stem the tide, but the fort's commander,
11 Lieutenant Colonel Jose Francisco Ruiz, eventually sided with the
12 Texans and became a signer of the Texas Declaration of
13 Independence; and

14 WHEREAS, The town of Caldwell was founded in 1840, and in
15 1846, the state legislature established Burleson County, naming it
16 after Texas revolutionary hero General Edward Burleson and choosing
17 Caldwell as the county seat; during the last half of the 19th
18 century, European immigrants, especially Germans, Austrians,
19 Czechs, and Italians, moved to the area and often set up their own
20 communities; and

21 WHEREAS, Burleson County is situated along the Presidential
22 Corridor linking the LBJ Presidential Library in Austin and the
23 George Bush Presidential Library and Museum in College Station;
24 only 90 minutes from Houston and less than three hours from San

1 Antonio and Dallas/Fort Worth, the county's central location serves
2 as a friendly passage for thousands of travelers, many of whom stay
3 at the county's motels, bed and breakfast establishments, and
4 campgrounds and take advantage of its numerous fine attractions;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Visitors and residents alike enjoy the county's
7 seasonal festivals, such as the Chilifest and Snook Fest in Snook,
8 and the Great Texas LakeFest, which draws thousands of people to
9 Welch Park along scenic Lake Somerville; they also may celebrate
10 the county's Czech heritage at the Kolache Festival, held every
11 September in Caldwell, which was proclaimed the Kolache Capital of
12 Texas by the Texas Legislature in 1989; and

13 WHEREAS, The county's history is on display at the Kraitchar
14 House Museum, the Somerville Area Museum, the Burleson County Czech
15 Heritage Museum, the Caldwell Visitors Center Museum, and the
16 Burleson County Historical Museum, and throughout the county are 66
17 historical markers and 120 historic cemeteries; there are also the
18 opportunities for recreation afforded by Davidson Creek Park in
19 Caldwell and the city parks in Somerville and Snook; and

20 WHEREAS, Honoring the past as they continue to work toward a
21 brighter future, the residents of Burleson County have many reasons
22 to be proud of the place they call home; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
24 Legislature hereby recognize March 26, 2013, as Burleson County Day
25 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
26 best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable stay in Austin.