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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud citizens of San Augustine County are gathering
2 in Austin to celebrate San Augustine County Day at the State Capitol
3 on April 25, 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, This hilly landscape of pine forest and bayous was
5 visited by French and Spanish explorers in the 17th and 18th
6 centuries, and Anglo settlers began arriving in the early 1800s;
7 the town of San Augustine was established in 1834, and two years
8 later, the town was the site of Sam Houston's election as commander
9 of the Texian forces during the Texas Revolution; and

10 WHEREAS, San Augustine County was established in 1837, one of
11 the first to be formed in the Texas republic, and the county seat of
12 San Augustine became an important commercial and cultural center,
13 with new businesses, a newspaper, and three institutions of higher
14 learning, including the first university in Texas; and

15 WHEREAS, Over the years, agriculture has formed the primary
16 basis of the county's economy, with the chief products being corn,
17 hogs, poultry, sugar cane, cotton, and lumber; since the 1960s,
18 tourism has also become important as residents and visitors alike
19 take advantage of the opportunities for recreation afforded by Lake
20 Sam Rayburn and the county's two extensive national forests; and

21 WHEREAS, The town of San Augustine has been home to two Texas
22 governors, J. Pinckney Henderson and O. M. Roberts, as well as two
23 speakers of the Texas House of Representatives, two lieutenant
24 governors, and three ambassadors to foreign countries; the city is

1 also known for its handsome historic houses in the Greek Revival and
2 Victorian styles, as well as for being the site of several of the
3 first Protestant churches organized in Texas after the Texas
4 Revolution; established as a station on the St. Louis Southwestern
5 Railway, the town of Broaddus was originally a hub of the lumber
6 industry and today is a tourist center, serving visitors to Lake Sam
7 Rayburn and Angelina National Forest; and

8 WHEREAS, Dedicated to preserving the best of their past, the
9 people of San Augustine County may indeed take great pride in the
10 significant role their county has played in the history and culture
11 of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize April 25, 2013, as San Augustine
14 County Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting
15 delegation sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable visit
16 to Austin.