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H.R. No. 353

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Chambers County are gathering at the
2 State Capitol on February 10, 2015, to celebrate the unique
3 qualities of their Southeast Texas home; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated on some 600 square miles of Gulf Coast
5 plains, the area that is now Chambers County has a long and colorful
6 history; once the home of Karankawa, Coapite, and Copane Indians,
7 it was the site of a Spanish mission in the mid-1700s and a
8 short-lived French colony in the early 1800s; later, in 1832 and
9 1835, disturbances at Anahuac between settlers and Mexican
10 authorities foreshadowed the Texas Revolution; the county was
11 officially created in 1858 from portions of Liberty and Jefferson
12 Counties and named for T. J. Chambers, a prominent local resident;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Anahuac serves as the county seat, and other
15 communities include Beach City, Cove, Double Bayou, Hankamer, Mont
16 Belvieu, Oak Island, Old River-Winfree, Smith Point, Stowell,
17 Wallisville, and Winnie; located between the Houston metropolitan
18 area and the Golden Triangle of Beaumont-Port Arthur-Orange, the
19 county combines the tranquility of rural living with convenient
20 access to big-city amenities; and

21 WHEREAS, Tourists enjoy the many attractions and festivals
22 offered by the county; Anahuac, designated as the official
23 Alligator Capital of Texas, hosts the Texas Gatorfest each
24 September, and a few weeks later, Winnie hosts the Texas Rice

1 Festival, celebrating the annual rice harvest; and

2 WHEREAS, Visitors are also drawn to the area for recreational
3 opportunities such as birding, fishing, hunting, crabbing,
4 boating, camping, and golfing; Chambers County is home to the
5 Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge, where more than 280 species of
6 birds can be seen, as well as the Candy Cain Abshier Wildlife
7 Management Area, Wallisville Heritage Park, Moody National
8 Wildlife Refuge, and the Trinity River Island Recreation Area; and

9 WHEREAS, In addition to tourism, the county's economy is
10 supported by the petroleum industry, chemical plants,
11 agribusiness, fish and oyster processing, and manufacturing; and

12 WHEREAS, Treasuring their rich history as they work to build
13 a bright future, the citizens of Chambers County are justifiably
14 proud of their community, and it is most fitting to take this
15 opportunity to honor their contributions to the Lone Star State;
16 now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
18 Legislature hereby recognize February 10, 2015, as Chambers County
19 Day at the State Capitol and extend sincere best wishes to all those
20 in attendance for an enjoyable visit to Austin.