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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Proud residents of Pecos County are coming together  
2 in Austin to observe Pecos County Day at the State Capitol; and

3           WHEREAS, A region characterized by desert brushland, stately  
4 mesas, and arroyos, Pecos County was formally established in 1871  
5 by the Texas Legislature and named for the Pecos River that flows  
6 along the county's northern boundary; the area's history of  
7 settlement dates back as early as 1300 A.D., and later inhabitants  
8 traveled by way of the Comanche Trail, a major thoroughfare that  
9 once crossed Pecos County; moreover, traders on the Chihuahua  
10 expedition of 1840 also passed through the area; and

11           WHEREAS, The county seat of Fort Stockton derives its name  
12 from the area's first permanent settlement, an army outpost  
13 installed in 1859 to guard the postal route; with its favorable  
14 proximity to Comanche Springs, Fort Stockton developed into a  
15 supply center for the military, mail carriers, wagon trains, and  
16 travelers and was the site of one of the first modern attempts at  
17 irrigation farming in Texas; and

18           WHEREAS, Construction of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient  
19 Railway Company of Texas in 1913 contributed to the economy, and  
20 irrigation projects also attracted land buyers, spurring the  
21 creation of communities like Baldrige, Girvin, Imperial,  
22 Chancellor, Belding, and Buena Vista; and

23           WHEREAS, The discovery of oil at Yates Field in 1927 opened  
24 what would become one of the largest oil fields in the country, and

1 the county subsequently experienced an oil boom that gave rise to  
2 the towns of Red Barn, Iraan, and Bakersfield; and

3 WHEREAS, Today, petroleum continues to be the foundation of  
4 the county's economy, while the area produces cantaloupes, carrots,  
5 bell peppers, peaches, and pecans, and livestock raised include  
6 cattle, sheep, and Angora goats; and

7 WHEREAS, An array of cultural events that attract residents  
8 of Fort Stockton and its neighboring communities include the Pecos  
9 County Livestock Show, the summer Water Carnival, and various  
10 rodeos, cook-offs, community theater productions, country and folk  
11 music concerts, and holiday celebrations that span the calendar  
12 year; the county is also visited by tourists who come through Fort  
13 Stockton on trips to Big Bend National Park; and

14 WHEREAS, Pecos County is a unique and fascinating part of the  
15 Lone Star State, and it is most fitting to take this opportunity to  
16 honor its citizens for working to preserve their colorful past  
17 while they build an even brighter future for the region they call  
18 home; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
20 Legislature hereby recognize Pecos County Day at the State Capitol  
21 and extend to the visiting delegation best wishes for a meaningful  
22 and memorable stay in Austin.