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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Eagle Pass and Maverick County are
2 gathering in Austin to celebrate Eagle Pass-Maverick County Day at
3 the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Located in southwest Texas, Maverick County was
5 established in 1856 and named for state legislator Samuel Augustus
6 Maverick; its county seat, Eagle Pass, was organized in the early
7 1870s on the border between Mexico and Texas; the city was
8 originally named El Paso del Aguila because of the frequent flights
9 of Mexican eagles over the area; and

10 WHEREAS, Artifacts uncovered throughout Maverick County
11 attest to the presence of hunter-gatherers in prehistoric times;
12 the area was also visited by Spanish explorers and settlers, who
13 traversed the Camino Real, later known as Old San Antonio Road, in
14 greater numbers than in any other section of the state; various
15 expeditions, including that of Alonso de León in 1690, served to
16 forge the trail and elevate its significance in the early history of
17 Texas; and

18 WHEREAS, In the tumultuous years of the Civil War, Eagle Pass
19 was employed as a trade depot for the Military Board of Texas, and
20 Fort Duncan to its north was occupied by Confederate troops; after
21 the fort's abandonment during the war, Indian populations seized
22 control of the region, leading to several violent skirmishes; it
23 was only in 1871, 15 years after its founding, that the county was
24 formally organized, and it soon thereafter acquired telegraph

1 services and a county courthouse; and

2 WHEREAS, Today, city and county officials are committed to
3 working together to create jobs, encourage young people, and
4 improve the quality of life in their region of the state; among the
5 accomplishments in recent years are an addition to Loop 480, a new
6 jail facility, the completion of the Eagle Pass ISD Student
7 Activity Center, and the 44,000-square-foot International Center
8 for Trade, which has served as a venue for area meetings and
9 conferences since 2006; and

10 WHEREAS, Civic leaders are also dedicated to the effective
11 collaboration of the public and private sectors and to the
12 administration of an economic development plan that will attract
13 and retain solid business, industry, and trade, as well as
14 affordable housing; specific goals include expanding the region's
15 health care services and bringing in a four-year college to augment
16 local institutions Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College and
17 Southwest Texas Junior College; and

18 WHEREAS, With three international bridges, including a rail
19 bridge, Eagle Pass and Maverick County have become an important
20 port of entry for international commerce, and the Kickapoo
21 Traditional Tribe of Texas provides an important source of jobs,
22 revenue, and tourism; visitors to the region can also learn about
23 area history at Fort Duncan Park and San Juan Plaza and enjoy
24 outdoor recreation at Maverick County Lake; moreover, they can
25 stroll the streets of historic downtown Eagle Pass, which has been
26 designated as a Texas Main Street City by the Texas Historical
27 Commission; and

1 WHEREAS, Led by Maverick County Judge David R. Saucedo and
2 Eagle Pass Mayor Ramsey English Cantu, community residents are
3 justifiably proud of their contributions to the Lone Star State,
4 and it is most fitting that they be honored on this special day;
5 now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
7 Legislature hereby recognize Eagle Pass-Maverick County Day at the
8 State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best
9 wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.