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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Lufkin and Angelina County are
2 gathering in Austin on February 11, 2015, to celebrate Lufkin and
3 Angelina County Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Set among the pine and hardwood forests of East
5 Texas, this verdant area was first inhabited by the Caddo and
6 Atakapan people; the county is said to be named after a Hainai
7 Indian girl who aided Spanish missionaries in the early 1690s; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1801, a settler named Vincente Micheli purchased
9 five and a half leagues of land in the area from the chief of the
10 Bedias tribe; Anglo-American settlers began to arrive in 1820, and
11 the Mexican government issued land grants in the region in the
12 mid-1830s; after Texas independence, Angelina County was
13 established from part of Nacogdoches County in 1846, and Lufkin was
14 made county seat in 1892; and

15 WHEREAS, Following the arrival of the first railroad in 1882,
16 lumber became the foundation of Angelina County's economy; by the
17 turn of the 20th century, the nation's need for southern pine
18 supported more than 15 lumber companies in the county; today,
19 lumber, paper, and the manufacturing of oil-field equipment
20 continue to be mainstays of the county's prosperity; and

21 WHEREAS, Residents and visitors alike enjoy the region's fine
22 recreational opportunities; the Angelina National Forest is a
23 favorite for hikers and campers, while the Sam Rayburn Reservoir is
24 known for its boating, fishing, and waterskiing; the county's

1 forestlands are also a prime habitat for many species of birds,
2 drawing bird-watchers from around the state and nation; and

3 WHEREAS, As the largest town and the seat of government,
4 Lufkin serves as the center of operations for many of the businesses
5 in the county, particularly those relating to lumber and wood
6 products; that industry's development is chronicled at the Texas
7 Forestry Museum, and the city includes several other notable
8 attractions, including the Museum of East Texas, the Ellen Trout
9 Zoo and Park, and the Medford Collection of Western Art, which
10 exhibits the work of notable contemporary artists; in addition,
11 Lufkin is home to the main campus of Angelina College; and

12 WHEREAS, Its scenic beauty and the industriousness and
13 creativity of its people combine to make Angelina County a vital and
14 dynamic part of the Lone Star State, and this special event provides
15 a fitting opportunity to honor the county's contribution to the
16 heritage of Texas; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
18 Legislature hereby recognize February 11, 2015, as Lufkin and
19 Angelina County Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting
20 delegation best wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in
21 Austin.