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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Corsicana and throughout Navarro
2 County are gathering at the State Capitol on March 10, 2015, to
3 celebrate the role their region has played in the colorful story of
4 Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, Established with the approval of the state
6 legislature on April 25, 1846, Navarro County was named after José
7 Antonio Navarro, a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, In 1848, a 100-acre plot of land was donated for the
10 creation of a county seat, with the name, Corsicana, chosen by
11 Navarro to honor his father's birthplace on the isle of Corsica; the
12 community developed as a trading and shipping center following the
13 completion of the Houston and Texas Central Railroad in 1871; and

14 WHEREAS, With Corsicana experiencing substantial population
15 growth, an effort was made to drill for groundwater beneath the
16 city's soil in 1894; this led to the discovery of oil, and
17 consequently, the first oil boom in the state of Texas, forever
18 changing the economy and destiny of Navarro County; more than 200
19 million barrels of oil have since been pumped from the county, which
20 claims the longest continuous oil flow in Texas history; and

21 WHEREAS, Today, petroleum, diversified manufacturing, and
22 agriculture form the foundation of the economy; among the varied
23 crops grown in the region's fertile black loam are corn, cotton,
24 wheat, sorghum, and sunflowers, and local ranches raise beef

1 cattle, dairy cows, and horses; and

2 WHEREAS, Corsicana remains the cultural center of Navarro
3 County, and residents of this fine city benefit from the
4 outstanding and affordable educational opportunities provided by
5 Navarro College; the community thrives as a major distribution
6 point and is home to a Russell Stover candy factory and the Navarro
7 Pecan Company, one of the largest pecan-shelling facilities in the
8 world; the celebrated Collin Street Bakery is also a favorite of
9 visitors passing through town, and orders are received for its
10 delectable fruitcake from every corner of the globe; and

11 WHEREAS, Enhancing the quality of life in the area, outlets
12 for recreation are found at nearby Navarro Mills Lake, Lake
13 Halbert, and Richland-Chambers Reservoir; in addition, the
14 county's fascinating history is preserved at such attractions as
15 the Pearce Museum, the Glenn Cumbie Museum of Aviation and Military
16 History, and Pioneer Village; moreover, every spring the Corsicana
17 Derrick Days festival celebrates the area oil and gas industry and
18 its economic benefits; and

19 WHEREAS, The resourceful citizens of Navarro County have made
20 many notable contributions to the cultural fabric of Texas, and
21 they take justifiable pride in the rich heritage and unique
22 amenities that make their region such a notable part of the Lone
23 Star State; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
25 Legislature hereby recognize March 10, 2015, as Corsicana/Navarro
26 County Day at the State Capitol and extend to all those who have
27 come to Austin today sincere best wishes for an enjoyable and

1 informative visit.