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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Uvalde County are gathering in  
2 Austin on February 25, 2015, to celebrate Uvalde County Day at the  
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, The Uvalde area was once a hunting ground of the  
5 Comanche, Tonkawa, and Lipan Apache peoples; a Spanish mission was  
6 established in the region in 1762, and in 1790, Juan de Ugalde, the  
7 governor of Coahuila, won a decisive victory over the Apaches; the  
8 site of the battle was named in honor of the governor, and an  
9 altered spelling of his name--Uvalde--was later applied to the  
10 county; and

11 WHEREAS, Permanent settlers began to arrive in the 1850s, and  
12 Uvalde County was established in 1856; a rough-and-tumble frontier  
13 area during and after the Civil War, the county became a ranching  
14 center in the late 1800s and was also renowned for its honey, which  
15 took first prize at the Paris World's Fair in 1900; today, the  
16 county's economy continues to be based on agribusiness, including  
17 farming and the raising of livestock such as cattle, sheep, and  
18 goats; and

19 WHEREAS, Four spring-fed rivers, the Nueces, Leona, Sabinal,  
20 and Frio, have cut ruggedly beautiful canyons through the region's  
21 rolling hills, and the county draws hunters from around the state  
22 with its abundance of deer, quail, doves, and turkey; swimmers,  
23 campers, bird-watchers, and other outdoors enthusiasts enjoy the  
24 scenic delights of Garner State Park, nestled in the hills near

1 Utopia, Concan, and Reagan Wells, and Cooks Slough Sanctuary and  
2 Nature Park, just outside Uvalde; other notable communities include  
3 Knippa, Cline, and Montell, and Sabinal is a popular ranch center  
4 and retirement area; and

5         WHEREAS, Founded more than 150 years ago, the city of Uvalde  
6 is the county seat and is home to a number of attractions; John  
7 Nance "Cactus Jack" Garner, the 32nd vice president of the United  
8 States, lived and practiced law there; former Texas governor Dolph  
9 Briscoe Jr. was born and raised in the city and returned to it  
10 following the completion of his terms in office; the Briscoe Art and  
11 Antique Collection displays works collected by Governor Briscoe and  
12 his wife, and the Aviation Museum at Garner Field houses World War  
13 II memorabilia and aircraft in an original army airfield hangar; in  
14 addition, the town hosts presentations by the Sahawe Indian  
15 Dancers, who help preserve the Native American cultural practices  
16 of the Southwest with their popular dance performances; and

17         WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich history even as they work to  
18 build a bright future, the citizens of Uvalde County may take great  
19 pride in the contributions that this unique region has made to the  
20 Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

21         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
22 Legislature hereby recognize February 25, 2015, as Uvalde County  
23 Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation  
24 sincere best wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in  
25 Austin.