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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Cass County are gathering in  
2 Austin on March 4, 2015, to celebrate Cass County Day at the State  
3 Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated in Northeast Texas, where it borders  
5 Arkansas and Louisiana, Cass County covers 937 square miles of  
6 ruggedly beautiful timberland and hilly countryside; the county was  
7 created by the First Legislature of Texas in 1846, and its early  
8 economy was based mainly on cotton production, with lumber and  
9 manufacturing also playing a role; currently, the county has a  
10 population of more than 30,000, and visitors come for hunting and  
11 fishing, as well as for a variety of historical attractions, many of  
12 which can be found in the county seat of Linden; and

13 WHEREAS, Home to the historic Cass County Courthouse, built  
14 in 1861 and still in use today, Linden hosts a variety of annual  
15 events, including the Cass County Championship Rodeo and the Linden  
16 Art and Wine Festival; the town is rich in musical associations: Don  
17 Henley grew up there, T-Bone Walker was born there, and Scott Joplin  
18 was born nearby; today, many diverse performances at the local  
19 Music City Texas Theater attract audiences from across the country;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Atlanta, with a population of approximately 5,600,  
22 is the largest city in Cass County; established in the early 1870s  
23 along the line of the Texas and Pacific Railway, the town developed  
24 into a major supply center; tourists are now drawn to the Atlanta

1 State Park for outdoor recreation and to the town's Forest  
2 Festival, a popular event held for the first time nearly 50 years  
3 ago; other notable communities of the county include Hughes Springs  
4 and Queen City, which also owe their beginnings to the arrival of  
5 the railways, and Avinger, which joins with Hughes Springs and  
6 Linden each spring in hosting the Wildflower Trails Festival; and

7       WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich history as they work together  
8 to build a bright future, the citizens of Cass County may take  
9 justifiable pride in the important role their unique region  
10 continues to play in the story of the Lone Star State; now,  
11 therefore, be it

12       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
13 Legislature hereby recognize March 4, 2015, as Cass County Day at  
14 the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere  
15 best wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.