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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Live Oak County are gathering in Austin
2 on May 5, 2015, to celebrate Live Oak County Day at the State
3 Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, In the years before it became part of Texas, the area
5 now known as Live Oak County was home to Native American tribes,
6 Spanish and Mexican colonists, and Irish immigrants, and this
7 diversity of cultures greatly influenced the development of the
8 area; and

9 WHEREAS, Live Oak County was created on February 2, 1856,
10 from parts of San Patricio and Nueces Counties and was named after
11 the imposing and majestic tree that grew throughout much of the
12 region; the economy was initially driven by the raising of sheep,
13 cattle, and cotton, but it was diversified by the discovery of oil
14 and natural gas in the 1930s and uranium in the 1960s; in recent
15 years, new technologies have improved the extraction of valuable
16 hydrocarbons from the Eagle Ford Shale underlying the county; and

17 WHEREAS, George West, the county seat, has been designated as
18 the official Storyfest Capital of Texas, and for more than 25 years
19 it has hosted an annual event to celebrate the art and tradition of
20 storytelling, while the nearby town of Three Rivers delights
21 residents and visitors alike with its annual Salsa Festival; other
22 notable communities include Dinero, Lagarto, Pernitas Point, and
23 Whitsett; and

24 WHEREAS, The rugged beauty of Live Oak County's brushy plains

1 is complemented by the Frio, Nueces, and Atascosa Rivers, and
2 lovers of the Texas landscape are drawn to such attractions as Lake
3 Corpus Christi and Choke Canyon State Park; and

4 WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich and colorful history as they
5 work together to build a bright future, the citizens of Live Oak
6 County may take justifiable pride in the important role their
7 unique region continues to play in the story of the Lone Star State;
8 now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
10 Legislature hereby recognize May 5, 2015, as Live Oak County Day at
11 the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
12 best wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.