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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Brown County are gathering in
2 Austin on February 7, 2017, to celebrate Brown County Day at the
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated near the geographic center of Texas, Brown
5 County features rolling, hilly land drained by the Colorado River
6 on its southern border; early settlers came to the valleys of Pecan
7 Bayou and Jim Ned Creek in 1856, and the county was formed and named
8 for Captain Henry Stevenson Brown, a company commander in the
9 battle of Velasco and a delegate to the Convention of 1832; and

10 WHEREAS, Although the county's early economy centered on
11 cattle ranching, farmers moved to the area in the late 1800s, and
12 the arrival of two major railroad lines at the turn of the century
13 brought further development; in 1879, oil was discovered near the
14 town of Grosvenor, and commercial oil production began in the
15 county seat of Brownwood in 1917; and

16 WHEREAS, Today, Brown County has a population of more than
17 38,000, almost 2,000 of whom work for Kohler and 3M Company, the
18 largest employers in the county; additionally, Howard Payne
19 University, which was established in Brownwood in 1889, is home to a
20 vibrant community of resident and commuter students who benefit
21 from a variety of academic and athletic opportunities; and

22 WHEREAS, Brown County attracts outdoor adventurers to Lake
23 Brownwood State Park, which provides ample space for hiking, bird
24 watching, swimming, kayaking, and more; locals and visitors alike

1 enjoy the Brown County Museum of History, located in the old county
2 jail, and the 36th Division Memorial Park at Camp Bowie showcases
3 authentic military equipment and vehicles from World War II through
4 Vietnam; and

5 WHEREAS, The hardworking and forward-looking citizens of
6 Brown County are building on a long tradition of industry and
7 achievement, and it is indeed fitting to pay tribute to their unique
8 contributions to the story of the Lone Star State; now, therefore,
9 be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
11 Legislature hereby recognize February 7, 2017, as Brown County Day
12 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
13 best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.