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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud citizens of Winkler County are gathering in
2 Austin on February 8, 2017, to celebrate Winkler County Day at the
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, The Anasazi were the earliest known people in the
5 Winkler County area, and then in the 1880s, cattlemen established
6 large ranches on free state land; Winkler County was carved out of
7 Tom Green County and named after Clinton W. Winkler, a state
8 legislator and judge; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1910, the county was officially organized and the
10 town of Kermit, named after Theodore Roosevelt's son, was chosen as
11 county seat; the oil boom of the 1920s brought so many people that
12 residents lived in tents and makeshift shelters, and a new town,
13 Winkler, sprang up; when the postal authorities advised that there
14 was another town with that name, it was swiftly shortened to Wink;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, During the early boom years, Wink acquired a wild
17 and freewheeling reputation; now, although its economy is still
18 based on the petroleum industry and ranching, it is better known as
19 the hometown of music legend Roy Orbison; his first band, the Wink
20 Westerners, made its radio debut on Kermit station KERB, and the Roy
21 Orbison Museum is today one of the town's notable attractions; and

22 WHEREAS, The people of Winkler County take great pride in
23 their rich history even as they look ahead to the opportunities of
24 the future, and it is indeed fitting to honor them and their unique

1 contributions to the story of the Lone Star State; now, therefore,
2 be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
4 Legislature hereby recognize February 8, 2017, as Winkler County
5 Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation
6 sincere best wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in
7 Austin.