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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Hopkins County are gathering in  
2 Austin on March 9, 2017, to celebrate Hopkins County Day at the  
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Hopkins County has an area of 789 square miles with  
5 both blackland prairie and piney wood terrain; originally inhabited  
6 by the Caddo and then the Cherokee people, the county was created in  
7 1846 and named for a family of pioneers; Sulphur Springs was made  
8 the county seat in 1870; and

9 WHEREAS, Corn, wheat, sheep, and cattle were important in the  
10 19th century, but cotton became the dominant crop between 1890 and  
11 1930; in 1937 the Carnation Milk Company opened a processing plant  
12 in the county, and its presence, in conjunction with better road and  
13 rail transportation, allowed dairy farming to become the major  
14 agricultural undertaking; in 1990 the county boasted nearly 500  
15 dairies supplying 17 percent of the state's total milk; and

16 WHEREAS, Today, Hopkins County has a population of over  
17 36,000, with approximately 16,000 people residing in Sulphur  
18 Springs; along with dairy production, tourism and food processing  
19 and distribution are mainstays of the economy, as are beef cattle  
20 and breeding horses; and

21 WHEREAS, Sulphur Springs features a number of popular  
22 attractions, including the Southwest Dairy Center and Museum, the  
23 Leo St. Clair Music Box Museum, and the Hopkins County Heritage  
24 Museum and Park; the city's striking all-glass restroom downtown

1 has drawn national attention and was the first of its kind in the  
2 United States; moreover, the area is a well-known center for  
3 aquatic recreation, with Lake Fork and Cooper Lake State Park  
4 offering opportunities for trophy bass fishing, as well as boating  
5 and swimming; bird-watchers, hikers, and campers also seek out the  
6 county, and special events like the Texas State Champion Homemade  
7 Ice Cream Freeze Off at the Hopkins County Dairy Festival in June  
8 are enjoyed by residents and visitors alike; and

9         WHEREAS, Hopkins County is one of the Lone Star State's true  
10 treasures, and its citizens may take great pride in the history and  
11 character of their splendid communities; now, therefore, be it

12         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
13 Legislature hereby recognize March 9, 2017, as Hopkins County Day  
14 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere  
15 best wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.