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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Eagle Pass and Maverick County are
2 gathering in Austin on February 23, 2017, to celebrate Maverick
3 County Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Located in southwest Texas, Maverick County was
5 formed in 1856 and named for cattleman and state legislator Samuel
6 Augustus Maverick; the county was formally organized 15 years
7 later, and its county seat, Eagle Pass, was established on the
8 border between Mexico and Texas; the city was originally named El
9 Paso del Aguila because of the frequent flights of Mexican eagles
10 over the area; and

11 WHEREAS, Over the years, city and county officials have
12 demonstrated an ongoing commitment to working together to create
13 jobs, encourage young people, and improve the quality of life in
14 their region of the state; among the accomplishments in recent
15 years are an addition to Loop 480, the completion of the Eagle Pass
16 ISD Student Activity Center, and the 44,000-square-foot
17 International Center for Trade, which has served as a venue for area
18 meetings and conferences since 2006; and

19 WHEREAS, Civic leaders are also dedicated to the effective
20 collaboration of the public and private sectors and to the
21 administration of an economic development plan that will attract
22 and retain solid business, industry, and trade, as well as
23 affordable housing; specific goals include expanding the region's
24 health care services and bringing in a four-year college to augment

1 local institutions Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College and
2 Southwest Texas Junior College; and

3 WHEREAS, With three international bridges, including a rail
4 bridge, Maverick County has become an important port of entry for
5 international commerce, and the Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas
6 provides a significant source of jobs, revenue, and tourism;
7 visitors to the region can also learn about area history at Fort
8 Duncan Park and San Juan Plaza and enjoy outdoor recreation at
9 Maverick County Lake; moreover, they can stroll the streets of
10 historic downtown Eagle Pass, which has been designated as a Texas
11 Main Street City by the Texas Historical Commission; and

12 WHEREAS, Even as they celebrate their rich heritage, the
13 hardworking people of Maverick County are looking ahead to the
14 opportunities of the future, and they may reflect with pride on
15 their contributions to the story of the Lone Star State; now,
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
18 Legislature hereby recognize February 23, 2017, as Maverick County
19 Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation
20 sincere best wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in
21 Austin.