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R E S O L U T I O N

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

4 WHEREAS, Situated on the high plains of the Permian Basin,
5 Andrews County was established in 1876 and formally organized in
6 1910 with Andrews as its county seat; both the city and county are
7 named for Richard Andrews, an early settler and soldier in the
8 revolutionary army and the first man to die in the Texas War for
9 Independence in 1835; and

10 WHEREAS, Andrews County has long been a leader in the
11 ranching industry in Texas, and with widespread use of windmills,
12 it became an important source of cotton and sorghum; it experienced
13 an impressive oil boom during the 1940s and recently underwent the
14 greatest period of growth and development in its history; it
15 remains one of the state's leading producers of oil and gas, having
16 produced more than three billion barrels of oil since 1929; and

17 WHEREAS, With unprecedented support from citizens, public
18 officials, and civic organizations in the area, Andrews County
19 hosts the most advanced secure facility for the disposal of Class A,
20 B, and C low-level radioactive waste in the United States; and

21 WHEREAS, The Andrews Independent School District is highly
22 regarded, and its students have earned top honors at numerous
23 University Interscholastic League academic competitions;
24 additionally, the Andrews High School Lady Mustangs golf team has

1 captured the 3A State Championship for six consecutive years, and
2 the Mustang baseball team is the defending Area Champion from 2016;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, The people of Andrews County enjoy an abundance of
5 recreational opportunities, including many exemplary area parks;
6 the county boasts an annual bluegrass festival, and the Andrews Art
7 Guild Show provides a forum for artists to display their works; and

8 WHEREAS, Honoring their heritage as they embrace the
9 opportunities of the future, the citizens of Andrews County may
10 take great pride in the role their community has played in the story
11 of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize March 1, 2017, as Andrews 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.