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R E S O L U T I O N

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

4           WHEREAS, Covering approximately 870 square miles of lush  
5 grasslands, warm beaches, and sparkling waters, Galveston County  
6 has a history highlighted by explorers, pirates, and international  
7 intrigue, but it also holds the record for the country's deadliest  
8 natural disaster with the hurricane that made landfall in September  
9 1900 and killed more than 6,000 people; and

10           WHEREAS, The ports of Galveston and Texas City contributed  
11 greatly to the rebuilding of the area after the hurricane, and along  
12 with the chemical and petrochemical complex, continue to be  
13 important to the economic development of the county; additionally,  
14 agriculture, livestock, and the fishing and shrimping industries  
15 provide jobs for many residents of the region; and

16           WHEREAS, Galveston today is a center for medical services,  
17 marine research, and a number of institutions of higher education,  
18 including The University of Texas Medical Branch, Texas A&M  
19 University at Galveston, the College of the Mainland, and Galveston  
20 College; and

21           WHEREAS, With nearly 400 miles of beaches, visitors are drawn  
22 to the county's natural beauty and also enjoy such attractions as  
23 the Galveston County Fair and Rodeo, the Galveston Island Wild  
24 Texas Shrimp Festival, and the Blessing of the Fleet at Kemah; other

1 points of interest include the Lone Star Flight Museum, Moody  
2 Gardens, and the Galveston Island Historic Pleasure Pier; and

3 WHEREAS, Galveston County is blessed with abundant natural  
4 resources and a fascinating past, and its citizens may take great  
5 pride in their continuing contributions to the story of the Lone  
6 Star State; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby recognize March 1, 2017, as Galveston County Day  
9 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere  
10 best wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.