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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Culberson County are gathering in
2 Austin on February 28, 2017, to celebrate Culberson County Day at
3 the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated among the rugged, scenic mountains of the
5 Trans-Pecos region of West Texas, the county was originally home to
6 the fierce Mescalero Apaches; in 1859, a cavalry outpost was
7 established at the Van Horn Wells, one of the few reliable sources
8 of water in the area; the last major Native American battle in the
9 State of Texas was fought in the region in 1881, at the mouth of Bass
10 Canyon in the Sierra Diablo mountains; and

11 WHEREAS, The town of Van Horn was founded in the late 1870s,
12 and in 1881, it became a stop on the Texas and Pacific Railway; and

13 WHEREAS, Formed from El Paso County in 1911, Culberson County
14 was named for Civil War veteran and former U.S. congressman David
15 B. Culberson; Van Horn, by now a prosperous shipping point for
16 cattle, became the county seat; in 1953, oil was discovered in the
17 region, and the county later became a major oil producer in the
18 state; and

19 WHEREAS, Today, tourists are drawn to the area by its austere
20 beauty and colorful history; the county is the gateway to Guadalupe
21 Mountains National Park, a haven for hikers and nature lovers and
22 home to the highest mountain in Texas, Guadalupe Peak; hunters are
23 drawn by the mule deer, pronghorn antelope, and upland game birds;
24 and

1 WHEREAS, Blessed with great natural beauty and a rich
2 history, the people of Culberson County may indeed take great pride
3 in their unique contribution to the heritage and culture of the Lone
4 Star State; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
6 Legislature hereby recognize February 28, 2017, as Culberson County
7 Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation
8 sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.