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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Many proud citizens of Dimmit County are visiting
2 Austin on March 21, 2017, to celebrate Dimmit County Day at the
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Dimmit County was named after Philip Dimmitt, one of
5 the framers of the Goliad Declaration of Independence; established
6 in 1858, it was formally organized in 1880 with Carrizo Springs as
7 its county seat; the town flourished, and cattle ranchers
8 established themselves in the county; by 1890, it was home to nearly
9 100 farms and ranches, averaging over 4,000 acres in size; and

10 WHEREAS, In the first decades of the 20th century, the use of
11 underground water facilitated the introduction of commercial
12 agriculture, bringing new settlers and soaring land values; the
13 long growing season and new irrigation methods combined to make the
14 county one of the most prolific vegetable-growing areas in the
15 country, and it gained recognition as part of the Texas Winter
16 Garden Region; and

17 WHEREAS, Drought and the Great Depression took a toll on
18 agriculture in the county in the first half of the 20th century, but
19 vegetable farming rebounded following World War II; later, water
20 supply problems again hampered farming, ranching regained
21 dominance in the economy, and oil and gas production became
22 increasingly important; the area continues to be known for its
23 abundance of mineral resources; and

24 WHEREAS, Today, Dimmit County has a population estimated at

1 approximately 11,000, and in recent years, oil and gas company
2 investment in the Eagle Ford Shale has brought rapid development
3 and a rush of newcomers; and

4 WHEREAS, The people of Dimmit County take great pride in
5 their rich history as they work together to build an even brighter
6 future, and it is indeed fitting that they be honored for their
7 contributions to the story of the Lone Star State; now, therefore,
8 be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
10 Legislature hereby recognize March 21, 2017, as Dimmit County Day
11 at the State Capitol and extend to the delegation sincere best
12 wishes for an enjoyable and informative visit.