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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Brewster County are gathering in
2 Austin on March 22, 2017, to celebrate Brewster County Day at the
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated in the Trans-Pecos region of West Texas,
5 Brewster County is the largest county in the state, nearly as large
6 as the states of Connecticut and Rhode Island put together; its
7 striking landscape includes mountains, desert, grasslands, and
8 forest, which are rich with a variety of wildlife; and

9 WHEREAS, The rugged terrain discouraged permanent settlement
10 until after the Civil War, when the arrival of the railroad and the
11 presence of the U.S. Army and the Texas Rangers enabled the rise of
12 cattle ranching; Brewster County was established in 1887, after the
13 discovery of mercury in 1884 touched off a mining boom, and by the
14 early 20th century, the Chisos Mining Company was producing 20
15 percent of the mercury in the nation; and

16 WHEREAS, Today, the cattle industry, education, and tourism
17 are essential to the county's economy and culture; located in the
18 county seat of Alpine, Sul Ross State University offers students a
19 wide range of bachelor's and master's degree programs, as well as a
20 low student-to-teacher ratio; Big Bend National Park features
21 spectacular mountain, desert, and riverine landscapes and attracts
22 up to 350,000 visitors a year, and the Terlingua International
23 Championship Chili Cookoff, which is held every November, draws
24 competitors from across the state and nation; and

1 WHEREAS, The people of Brewster County take great pride in
2 their region's abundant natural beauty and fascinating history, and
3 it is indeed fitting to honor them and their unique contributions to
4 the story of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
6 Legislature hereby recognize March 22, 2017, as Brewster County Day
7 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
8 best wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.