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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Burleson County are gathering in
2 Austin on March 29, 2017, to celebrate the unique role their county
3 has played in the history and culture of the Lone Star State; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated among rolling hills and along the broad
5 valley of the Brazos River, the rich farmland of Burleson County
6 drew Anglo-Americans to settle there during the 1820s; the Mexican
7 government placed a fort along the western bank of the Brazos to
8 stem the tide of new inhabitants, but the fort's commander,
9 Lieutenant Colonel Jose Francisco Ruiz, eventually sided with the
10 Texans and became a signer of the Texas Declaration of
11 Independence; and

12 WHEREAS, The town of Caldwell was founded in 1840, and six
13 years later the state legislature established Burleson County,
14 naming it after Texas revolutionary hero General Edward Burleson
15 and choosing Caldwell as the county seat; during the last half of
16 the 19th century, European immigrants, especially Germans,
17 Austrians, Czechs, and Italians, moved to the area and often set up
18 their own communities; and

19 WHEREAS, Burleson County is part of the Presidential Corridor
20 linking the LBJ Presidential Library in Austin and the George Bush
21 Presidential Library and Museum in College Station; only 90 minutes
22 from Houston and less than three hours from San Antonio to the
23 southwest and Dallas/Fort Worth to the north, the county's central
24 location serves as a friendly passage for thousands of travelers,

1 many of whom stay at the county's motels, bed and breakfast
2 establishments, and campgrounds and take advantage of its numerous
3 fine attractions; and

4 WHEREAS, Visitors and residents alike enjoy the county's
5 seasonal festivals, such as the Chilifest and Snook Fest in Snook,
6 and the Great Texas LakeFest, which draws thousands of people to
7 Welch Park along scenic Lake Somerville; they also may celebrate
8 the county's Czech heritage at the Kolache Festival, held every
9 September in Caldwell, which was proclaimed the Kolache Capital of
10 Texas by the Texas Legislature in 1989; and

11 WHEREAS, The county's history is on display at the Kraitchar
12 House Museum, the Somerville Area Museum, the Burleson County Czech
13 Heritage Museum, the Caldwell Visitors Center Museum, and the
14 Burleson County Historical Museum, and throughout the county are 66
15 historical markers and 120 historic cemeteries; there are also the
16 opportunities for recreation afforded by Davidson Creek Park in
17 Caldwell and the city parks in Somerville and Snook; and

18 WHEREAS, Honoring the past as they work toward an even
19 brighter future, the citizens of Burleson County may take great
20 pride in the role their communities continue to play in the story of
21 the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
23 Legislature hereby recognize March 29, 2017, as Burleson County Day
24 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
25 best wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.