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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Residents from Atascosa County are gathering in  
2 Austin on April 24, 2017, to celebrate Atascosa County Day at the  
3 State Capitol; and

4           WHEREAS, During the first part of the 19th century, the  
5 grassy prairie region of South Texas that would become Atascosa  
6 County attracted Spanish, Mexican, and Anglo-American settlers,  
7 and by the time of the Texas Revolution, its ranching industry was  
8 flourishing; in 1856, the region was sufficiently populated to be  
9 sectioned off from Bexar County; the county seat, originally at  
10 Navatasco, was later moved to Pleasanton, and then in 1910, voters  
11 supported moving it again, this time to the more centrally located  
12 town of Jourdanton; and

13           WHEREAS, Atascosa County is home to a number of historical  
14 markers that highlight the area's unique history; notably, the  
15 Battle of Medina, which took place in 1813 and influenced the fates  
16 of Spain, Mexico, the United States, England, and France, is  
17 commemorated with a marker in the northeastern part of the county,  
18 and the site of the church and school community of San Augustine,  
19 founded by heirs of Alamo defender Gregorio Esparza, is marked near  
20 Pleasanton; and

21           WHEREAS, Situated near the famous Camino Real, Atascosa  
22 County has long benefited from its proximity to major  
23 transportation arteries linking it with the Gulf Coast, the Rio  
24 Grande Valley, and Mexico, as well as other major population

1 centers; the county enjoys the economic benefits reaped by an  
2 abundance of natural resources and, blessed with productive range  
3 and irrigated farmland, the area is known for its agricultural  
4 industries; additionally, other resources such as oil and gas play  
5 a significant role in the economy; and

6         WHEREAS, Proud of its ranching heritage, Pleasanton, the  
7 county's trading center, bills itself as the birthplace of the  
8 cowboy, a designation symbolized by a large bronze statue in front  
9 of city hall; in nearby Poteet, known to many as the Strawberry  
10 Capital, a Strawberry Festival takes place in April, and a  
11 seven-foot, 1,600-pound monument to the berry graces the front lawn  
12 of the fire department; and

13         WHEREAS, The residents of Atascosa County have made many  
14 notable contributions to the economy and culture of Texas, and they  
15 may take justifiable pride in the place that they call home; now,  
16 therefore, be it

17         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
18 Legislature hereby recognize April 24, 2017, as Atascosa County Day  
19 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere  
20 best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.