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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Proud residents of Navarro County are gathering in Austin on March 6, 2019, to celebrate Navarro County Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Established with the approval of the state legislature on April 25, 1846, Navarro County was named after José Antonio Navarro, a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence; two years later, a 100-acre plot of land was donated for the creation of a county seat, with the name, Corsicana, chosen by Navarro to honor his father's birthplace on the isle of Corsica; and

WHEREAS, The community developed as a trading and shipping center after the completion of the Houston and Texas Central Railroad in 1871; substantial population growth followed, and an effort was made to drill for groundwater; this drilling led to the discovery of oil, and consequently, the first oil boom in the state of Texas, and it forever changed the economy and destiny of Navarro County; more than 200 million barrels of oil have since been pumped from the county, which claims the longest continuous oil flow in Texas history; and

WHEREAS, Today, petroleum, diversified manufacturing, and agriculture continue to bolster the economy; among the varied crops grown in the region's fertile black loam are corn, cotton, wheat, sorghum, and sunflowers, and local ranches raise beef cattle, dairy cows, and horses; and

WHEREAS, Residents of the area benefit from the educational opportunities provided by Navarro College and the recreational activities found at Navarro Mills Lake, Lake Halbert, and Richland-Chambers Reservoir; in addition, the county's fascinating history is preserved at such attractions as the Pearce Museum, the Glenn Cumbie Museum of Aviation and Military History, and Pioneer Village; moreover, every spring the Corsicana Derrick Days festival celebrates the area oil and gas industry and its economic benefits; and

WHEREAS, Even as they celebrate their rich heritage, the hardworking citizens of Navarro County are looking ahead to the opportunities of the future, and they may reflect with pride on their contributions to the growth and prosperity of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby recognize March 6, 2019, as Navarro County Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes for an enjoyable and informative stay in Austin.