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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Proud residents of Zavala County are gathering in Austin on January 29, 2019, to celebrate Zavala County Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Situated in the Winter Garden region of South Texas, Zavala County covers nearly 1,300 square miles of fertile plains and wild brushland and is bisected by the Nueces River; the county was created by the First Legislature of Texas in 1846 and named for Lorenzo de Zavala, a Mexican colonist and signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence; and

WHEREAS, Notable communities in the county include La Pryor, Batesville, and Crystal City, which was laid out in 1905 and named for the clear waters of a nearby artesian well; by 1908, the town had a post office, a school, and a stop on the Uvalde Railway, and in 1928, it was designated as the county seat; and

WHEREAS, Crystal City is a hub for farming, ranching, and food processing, with the Del Monte Corporation cannery contributing to the economy of the region; self-styled as the Spinach Capital of the World, the city holds a Spinach Festival that draws tens of thousands of visitors every November with such activities as a cook-off, a carnival and parade, and musical performances; and

WHEREAS, The economy is supported by livestock and grain, fruit, and vegetable farming, and hunting and fishing opportunities abound; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of Zavala County take great pride in their history as they work together to build an even brighter future, and it is indeed fitting to honor their unique contributions to the story of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby recognize January 29, 2019, as Zavala County Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.