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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Kleberg County are gathering in  
2 Austin on April 10, 2019, to celebrate Kleberg County Day at the  
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated both on the broad grasslands of the Gulf  
5 Coast and on Padre Island, the area that was to become Kleberg  
6 County was first inhabited by the Karankawa and Coahuiltecan  
7 peoples; Spanish settlements were established along the lower Rio  
8 Grande in the 18th century, and after a period of Mexican rule, the  
9 land became part of Nueces County when Texas secured its  
10 independence; in 1853, Richard King established the vast King  
11 Ranch, a large tract of which was used to form the city of  
12 Kingsville in 1904; the new community grew quickly as a railway hub  
13 for farmers and ranchers, and in 1913, the Texas Legislature  
14 organized Kleberg County, naming it for Robert Justus Kleberg,  
15 whose son was the manager of King Ranch, and designating Kingsville  
16 as the county seat; and

17 WHEREAS, Today, Kleberg County is a place of diversified  
18 industries; successful businesses include Proco, Inc., Texas  
19 Cementing Services, and numerous energy companies; occupying  
20 825,000 acres, the legendary King Ranch is still vital to the  
21 prosperity of the county, and the enterprise has earned fame for the  
22 region through its development of the Santa Gertrudis breed of  
23 cattle, its contributions to quarter horse and thoroughbred  
24 breeding, and its accomplishments in a variety of other

1 agribusiness interests; and

2           WHEREAS, The largest city in Kleberg County, Kingsville is  
3 home to Texas A&M University-Kingsville, which includes the Frank  
4 H. Dotterweich College of Engineering, the Dick and Mary Lewis  
5 Kleberg College of Agriculture, the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife  
6 Research Institute, and the Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy;  
7 moreover, Naval Air Station Kingsville is the leading undergraduate  
8 pilot training facility in the United States, preparing U.S. Navy  
9 and Marine Corps pilots for their key role in the nation's defense;  
10 and

11           WHEREAS, The hardworking and forward-looking citizens of  
12 Kleberg County are building on a long tradition of excellence, and  
13 their history and achievements are indeed deserving of special  
14 recognition; now, therefore, be it

15           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
16 Legislature hereby recognize April 10, 2019, as Kleberg County Day  
17 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere  
18 best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.