

By: King of Uvalde

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Uvalde County are gathering in
2 Austin on February 6, 2019, to celebrate Uvalde County Day at the
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Permanent settlers began to arrive in the region in
5 the 1850s, and Uvalde County was established in 1856; a
6 rough-and-tumble frontier area during and after the Civil War, the
7 county became a ranching center in the late 1800s and was also
8 renowned for its honey, which took first prize at the Paris World's
9 Fair in 1900; today, the county's economy continues to be based on
10 agribusiness, including farming and the raising of livestock such
11 as cattle, sheep, and goats; and

12 WHEREAS, Four spring-fed rivers, the Nueces, Leona, Sabinal,
13 and Frio, have cut ruggedly beautiful canyons through the region's
14 rolling hills, and the county draws hunters from around the state
15 with its abundance of deer, quail, doves, and turkeys; swimmers,
16 campers, bird-watchers, and other outdoors enthusiasts enjoy the
17 scenic delights of Garner State Park, nestled in the hills near
18 Utopia, Concan, and Reagan Wells, and Cooks Slough Sanctuary and
19 Nature Park, just outside Uvalde; other notable communities include
20 Knippa, Cline, and Montell, and Sabinal is a popular ranch center
21 and retirement area; and

22 WHEREAS, Founded more than 150 years ago, the city of Uvalde
23 is the county seat and is home to a number of attractions; John
24 Nance "Cactus Jack" Garner, the 32nd vice president of the United

1 States, lived and practiced law there; former Texas governor Dolph
2 Briscoe Jr. was born and raised in the city and returned to it
3 following the completion of his terms in office; the Briscoe Art and
4 Antique Collection displays works collected by Governor Briscoe and
5 his wife, and the Aviation Museum at Garner Field houses World War
6 II memorabilia and aircraft in an original army airfield hangar; in
7 addition, the town hosts presentations by the Sahawe Indian
8 Dancers, who help preserve the Native American cultural practices
9 of the Southwest with their popular dance performances; and

10 WHEREAS, The citizens of this notable county are working to
11 preserve the best of their past even as they look forward to a
12 bright and promising future, and it is fitting to honor them for
13 their unique contributions to the story of the Lone Star State; now,
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
16 Legislature hereby recognize February 6, 2019, as Uvalde 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.