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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Culberson County are gathering in
2 Austin to celebrate Culberson County Day at the State Capitol; and

3 WHEREAS, Situated among the rugged, scenic mountains of the
4 Trans-Pecos region of West Texas, the county was originally home to
5 the fierce Mescalero Apaches; in 1859, a cavalry outpost was
6 established at the Van Horn Wells, one of the few reliable sources
7 of water in the area; the last major Native American battle in the
8 State of Texas was fought in the region in 1881, at the mouth of Bass
9 Canyon in the Sierra Diablo mountains; and

10 WHEREAS, The town of Van Horn was founded in the late 1870s,
11 and in 1881, it became a stop on the Texas and Pacific Railway; and

12 WHEREAS, Formed from El Paso County in 1911, Culberson County
13 was named for Civil War veteran and former U.S. congressman David
14 B. Culberson; Van Horn, by now a prosperous shipping point for
15 cattle, became the county seat; in 1953, oil was discovered in the
16 region, and the county later became a major oil producer in the
17 state; and

18 WHEREAS, Today, tourists are drawn to the area by its austere
19 beauty and colorful history; the county is the gateway to Guadalupe
20 Mountains National Park, a haven for hikers and nature lovers and
21 home to the highest mountain in Texas, Guadalupe Peak; hunters are
22 drawn by the mule deer, pronghorn antelope, and upland game birds;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Blessed with great natural beauty and a rich

1 history, Culberson County is home to outstanding Texans who may
2 indeed take great pride in their unique contribution to the
3 heritage and culture of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
5 Legislature hereby recognize Culberson County Day at the State
6 Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes
7 for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.