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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Residents of Kenedy County are gathering in Austin  
2 on March 5, 2019, for Kenedy County Day at the State Capitol; and

3           WHEREAS, Situated along the Gulf of Mexico in South Texas,  
4 this region of coastal brush and grassland was first inhabited some  
5 11,000 years ago by hunter-gatherers who lived off game, wild  
6 fruits, seeds, and roots; later, it was home to the Coahuiltecan and  
7 Lipan Apache peoples until the late 1700s and the arrival of the  
8 Spanish, who established large cattle ranches; and

9           WHEREAS, Anglo-Americans began to settle in the area in the  
10 1800s, and the famous King Ranch was founded by Mifflin Kenedy and  
11 Richard King; the ranch eventually grew to 825,000 acres; named for  
12 the cofounder of the King Ranch, Kenedy County was established in  
13 1921 as part of the reorganization of Willacy, Cameron, and Hidalgo  
14 Counties, and the county seat was situated in Sarita, where the King  
15 Ranch had its headquarters; and

16           WHEREAS, Today approximately 400 residents continue to ranch  
17 and raise cattle, as well as work in the oil and gas industry; Padre  
18 Island National Seashore runs along the gulf coast boundary, and  
19 visitors are drawn by the fine opportunities for hunting, fishing,  
20 and bird-watching; and

21           WHEREAS, Blessed with spacious skies, vast ranchlands, and  
22 miles of coastland, Kenedy County has played a memorable role in the  
23 story of Texas, and its residents may indeed take great pride in  
24 their history as they look forward to a future bright with promise;

1 now, therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
3 Legislature hereby recognize March 5, 2019, as Kenedy County Day at  
4 the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere  
5 best wishes for a meaningful and enjoyable stay in Austin.