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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Brewster County Day at the State Capitol offers a  
2 special opportunity for county residents and Texans everywhere to  
3 celebrate the history and attractions of this unique area; and

4           WHEREAS, Situated in the Trans-Pecos region of West Texas,  
5 Brewster County is the largest county in the state, nearly as large  
6 as the states of Connecticut and Rhode Island put together; its  
7 striking landscape includes mountains, desert, grasslands, and  
8 forest, which are rich with a variety of wildlife; and

9           WHEREAS, The rugged terrain discouraged permanent settlement  
10 until after the Civil War, when the arrival of the railroad and the  
11 presence of the U.S. Army and the Texas Rangers enabled the rise of  
12 cattle ranching; Brewster County was established in 1887, after the  
13 discovery of mercury in 1884 touched off a mining boom, and by the  
14 early 20th century, the Chisos Mining Company was producing 20  
15 percent of the mercury in the nation; and

16           WHEREAS, Today, the cattle industry, education, and tourism  
17 are essential to the county's economy and culture; located in the  
18 county seat of Alpine, Sul Ross State University offers students a  
19 wide range of bachelor's and master's degree programs, as well as a  
20 low student-to-teacher ratio; Big Bend National Park features  
21 spectacular mountain, desert, and riverine landscapes and attracts  
22 up to 350,000 visitors a year, and the Terlingua International  
23 Championship Chili Cookoff, which is held every November, draws  
24 competitors from across the state and nation; and

1           WHEREAS, The people of Brewster County can take great pride  
2 in their region's abundant natural beauty and fascinating history,  
3 and it is indeed fitting to honor them and their contributions to  
4 the story of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby recognize Brewster County Day at the State  
7 Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes  
8 for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.