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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Civic and business leaders of the Coastal Bend are  
2 gathering in Austin on February 27, 2019, to celebrate the many  
3 qualities that make their region one of the state's premier  
4 vacation destinations; and

5           WHEREAS, Each year, the Coastal Bend draws millions of  
6 travelers from across the country and around the globe; visitors to  
7 Corpus Christi alone infuse more than \$1 billion into the local  
8 economy and support tens of thousands of jobs; and

9           WHEREAS, The Port of Corpus Christi is one of the largest  
10 ports in the country by tonnage, and it holds the distinct honor of  
11 exporting the first barrel of U.S. crude in 40 years; it is also a  
12 strategically significant port for the United States military, as  
13 the Coastal Bend is home to Naval Air Stations Corpus Christi and  
14 Kingsville and the Corpus Christi Army Depot; and

15           WHEREAS, The myriad popular attractions in the area include  
16 the Padre Island National Seashore, the Texas State Aquarium, and  
17 the South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, with its 182  
18 acres of tropical flowers, butterflies, and parrots; in addition,  
19 visitors enjoy such cultural and educational venues as the Art  
20 Museum of South Texas, the Corpus Christi Museum of Science and  
21 History, and the USS *Lexington* aircraft carrier; Corpus Christi  
22 also hosts the world-renowned Fiesta de la Flor in honor of the life  
23 and legacy of Selena Quintanilla Pérez; and

24           WHEREAS, The Coastal Bend area contributes significantly to

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1 the vibrancy and prosperity of the Lone Star State, and its  
2 residents may indeed take pride in the rich heritage and natural  
3 beauty that bring so many visitors to their communities; now,  
4 therefore, be it

5       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby recognize February 27, 2019, as Coastal Bend Day  
7 at the State Capitol and extend to the region's delegation sincere  
8 best wishes for a meaningful and memorable event.