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R E S O L U T I O N

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

4 WHEREAS, Covering approximately 870 square miles of lush
5 grasslands, warm beaches, and sparkling waters, Galveston County
6 was founded in 1838 and has a history highlighted by explorers,
7 pirates, and international intrigue; it also holds the record for
8 the country's deadliest natural disaster with the hurricane that
9 made landfall in September 1900 and killed more than 6,000 people;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The ports of Galveston and Texas City contributed
12 greatly to the rebuilding of the area after the hurricane, and along
13 with the chemical and petrochemical complex, continue to be
14 important to the economic development of the county; additionally,
15 agriculture, livestock, and the fishing and shrimping industries
16 provide jobs for many residents of the region; and

17 WHEREAS, Galveston today is a center for medical services,
18 marine research, and a number of institutions of higher education,
19 including The University of Texas Medical Branch, Texas A&M
20 University at Galveston, the College of the Mainland, and Galveston
21 College; and

22 WHEREAS, Visitors are drawn to the county's natural beauty
23 and miles of beaches and also enjoy such attractions as the
24 Galveston County Fair and Rodeo, the Galveston Island Wild Texas

1 Shrimp Festival, and the Blessing of the Fleet at Kemah; other
2 points of interest include the Lone Star Flight Museum and Moody
3 Gardens; and

4 WHEREAS, Galveston County is blessed with abundant natural
5 resources and a fascinating past, and its citizens may take great
6 pride in their continuing contributions to the story of the Lone
7 Star State; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
9 Legislature hereby recognize March 6, 2019, as Galveston County Day
10 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
11 best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.