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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Medina County are gathering in Austin
2 for Medina County Day at the State Capitol on March 25, 2019; and

3 WHEREAS, Situated along the divide between the scenic Hill
4 Country and the rolling Rio Grande Plains, the area named for the
5 Medina River was inhabited by the ancestors of Native Americans for
6 thousands of years before the first Europeans arrived in the late
7 1600s; during the 1700s, the region was frequented by Apache and
8 Comanche raiding parties, and during the 1840s, it was settled by
9 German and French-speaking farmers from the Alsace region of
10 France, led by Henri Castro; Medina County was established in 1848,
11 with Castroville as the county seat; and

12 WHEREAS, By the 1880s, ranching predominated throughout
13 Medina County, and the county's human population was vastly
14 outnumbered by cattle and sheep; new communities sprang up
15 alongside the railroad, and Hondo was made the county seat in 1892;
16 during World War II, Hondo became the home of the Army Aviation
17 Navigation School, the largest such facility in the world at the
18 time; and

19 WHEREAS, Today, Medina County is home to more than 50,000
20 people; many residents commute to nearby San Antonio, while
21 ranching and farming, which began to thrive after the completion of
22 the Medina Dam in 1913, support the local economy; visitors and
23 residents alike delight in the county's ample opportunities for
24 hunting, camping, and fishing; Hondo is home to the Hunt Hondo

1 event, a celebration of hunting, while Castroville celebrates
2 St. Louis Day every August in recognition of its Alsatian heritage;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich heritage as they work to
5 build a bright future, the people of Medina County may take
6 justifiable pride in the important role they play in the story of
7 the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
9 Legislature hereby recognize March 25, 2019, as Medina County Day
10 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
11 best wishes for a meaningful and memorable visit to Austin.