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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Residents of Kinney County are gathering in Austin  
2 on March 19, 2019, to celebrate Kinney County Day at the State  
3 Capitol; and

4           WHEREAS, Located west of San Antonio in the Rio Grande Plains  
5 region, Kinney County was first populated as long as 10,000 years  
6 ago, according to the archeological evidence found in rock  
7 shelters; early Spanish explorers visited the area, and in 1665,  
8 Fernando de Azcué, credited as the first European to cross the Rio  
9 Grande, passed through what would become the southeastern corner of  
10 the county; although the region remained sparsely settled, the  
11 Texas Legislature carved it out of Bexar County in 1850, and it was  
12 named after pioneer Henry Lawrence Kinney; and

13           WHEREAS, In 1852, the United States Army established Fort  
14 Riley, soon redesignated as Fort Clark, along Las Moras Creek, and  
15 the community of Brackett was founded; named for local merchant  
16 Oscar B. Brackett, it became known as Brackettville, and it is  
17 today the county's seat and largest city; the fort later became the  
18 base for a small company of Black Seminole Indian scouts, and in  
19 1872, the Black Seminole Indian Scout Cemetery was sited there; and

20           WHEREAS, Through the years, cattle ranching has dominated the  
21 county's economy, and wool and mohair production played an  
22 important part in the nation's war effort during World War II;  
23 today, tourists are drawn to the area by a variety of noteworthy  
24 attractions, among them Kickapoo Cavern State Park, Las Moras

1 Springs park, and Fort Clark; and

2 WHEREAS, The citizens of Kinney County are confidently facing  
3 the future while continuing to embrace their rich and colorful  
4 past, and it is indeed a pleasure to honor them at this time; now,  
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby recognize March 19, 2019, as Kinney County Day  
8 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere  
9 best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.