SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 247

WHEREAS, Proud citizens of Victoria County are gathering in Austin on February 26, 2019, to celebrate Victoria County Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Victoria County is located in southeastern Texas on the Gulf Coastal Plains; the area was first colonized by Martin de León in 1824, with the establishment of a settlement in a Mexican colony named for Mexico's first elected president, Don Guadalupe Victoria; Victoria County was one of the original 23 counties established by the First Congress of the Republic of Texas on March 17, 1836; and

WHEREAS, Due to its abundant natural grasslands and subtropical climate that allow for year-round grazing, the county became a leader in the development of the Texas cattle industry; as knowledge about cultivating prairie soils increased, commercial farming of diverse crops developed in the area in the late 1890s, and the production of corn and cotton grew in importance; and

WHEREAS, Situated in the heart of the Golden Crescent region, the city of Victoria is the county's largest community and serves as the county seat; since its humble beginnings in the early 1800s, it has become the cultural, historic, and economic hub for people throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of Victoria County have faced numerous challenges over the years, and they deserve praise for their resiliency; their strength was particularly evident in the wake of 2017's Hurricane Harvey when residents courageously supported one another and committed to repairing the county's many damaged structures; and

WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich and colorful history as they work together to build a bright future, the citizens of Victoria County may take justifiable pride in the important role they continue to play in the story of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 86th Legislature, hereby recognize February 26, 2019, as Victoria County Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 25, 2019.

Secretary of the Senate