SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 307

**WHEREAS,** The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the citizens of Kenedy County in celebrating March 5, 2019, as Kenedy County Day at the Capitol; and

**WHEREAS,** Kenedy County is situated along the Texas Gulf Coast between Corpus Christi and Brownsville; it has been inhabited by humans for approximately 11,000 years; the county's first inhabitants were tribes of hunter-gatherers, and it was later home to the Coahuiltecan and Lipan Apache peoples; Spanish explorers arrived in the area in the late 18th century and established large cattle ranches; and

**WHEREAS,** Anglo-American people began settling the region in the 19th century; the world-famous King Ranch was founded in 1847 by Richard King and pioneering rancher Mifflin Kenedy, for whom the county is named; and

**WHEREAS,** Kenedy County was established in 1921 as part of the reorganization of Willacy, Cameron, and Hidalgo Counties; Sarita, which was home of the King Ranch headquarters, was named the county seat; today, ranching and the oil and gas industry are the primary drivers of the area's economy; and

**WHEREAS,** Kenedy County draws countless visitors each year for hunting, fishing, and bird-watching opportunities at the Padre Island National Seashore; it is truly fitting that a day be set aside to pay tribute to the many contributions the county's citizens have made to the growth and prosperity of our state; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Senate of the State of Texas, 86th Legislature, hereby welcome the Kenedy County delegation to Austin and extend to its members best wishes for a productive and memorable Kenedy County Day at the Capitol; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this special occasion.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 5, 2019.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate