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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Proud residents of Refugio County are gathering in Austin on March 7, 2023, to celebrate Refugio County Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Situated in the Coastal Prairies region along the lower Gulf Coast, Refugio County was organized as one of the thirteen original counties of the Republic of Texas, with the town of Refugio as its county seat; both the town and county are named for Nuestra Señora del Refugio Mission, which was founded in the area in 1793 and remained in operation until 1830; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture is a leading industry in Refugio County, and the area serves as an important source of livestock, sorghum, cotton, corn, wheat, and hay; the county has also reaped economic benefits derived from the region's natural resources, including petroleum, natural gas, and industrial sand; in addition, hunters are drawn to the county for its diverse wildlife; and

WHEREAS, Today, Refugio County is home to more than 6,700 people; residents and visitors alike have enjoyed attending annual events hosted by the town of Refugio, such as the Refugio County Fair; and

WHEREAS, The people of Refugio County take great pride in their rich history as they work together to build an even brighter future, and it is indeed fitting to honor them for their unique contributions to the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas Legislature hereby recognize March 7, 2023, as Refugio County Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting delegation.