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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Proud residents of Fairfield are gathering in Austin on March 23, 2023, to celebrate Fairfield Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Initially called Mound Prairie, the community was renamed Fairfield after it was chosen as the Freestone County seat in 1850; the original 100-acre townsite was donated to the county by David H. Love; by 1880, the town had a population of about 450, as well as two steam gristmills, two cotton gins, and three hotels; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture has driven the local economy since the early days of the community, though cotton cultivation has been replaced by cattle ranching and peach production; the area has also been a source of natural gas for many decades, and in 1969, the abundant lignite resources near Fairfield led to the creation of a steam electric station; and

WHEREAS, Today, this charming town is home to nearly 3,000 people and boasts a number of historic attractions, including the beautiful Freestone County Courthouse, which dates back to 1919, and the Freestone County Historical Museum; residents and visitors alike benefit from the recreational opportunities afforded by Fairfield Lake State Park, the Richland Chambers Reservoir, and the Freestone County Raceway, and each year the town hosts the Freestone County Fair & Rodeo; and

WHEREAS, With a colorful history, a bounty of natural resources, and an inviting small-town atmosphere, Fairfield is a desirable community in which to live and work, and its residents may indeed take justifiable pride in the place they call home; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas Legislature hereby recognize March 23, 2023, as Fairfield Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.