RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Proud residents of Brown County are gathering in
Austin on February 8, 2023, to celebrate Brown County Day at the
State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Situated near the geographic center of Texas, Brown County features rolling, hilly land drained by the Colorado River on its southern border; early settlers came to the valleys of Pecan Bayou and Jim Ned Creek in 1856, and the county was formed and named for Captain Henry Stevenson Brown, a company commander in the battle of Velasco and a delegate to the Convention of 1832; and

WHEREAS, Although the county's early economy centered on cattle ranching, farmers moved to the area in the late 1800s, and the arrival of two major railroad lines at the turn of the 20th century brought further development; in 1879, oil was discovered near the town of Grosvenor, and commercial oil production began in the county seat of Brownwood in 1917; and

16 WHEREAS, Today, Brown County has a population of more than 17 38,000 people; the county is the site of manufacturing plants for 18 Kohler and 3M Company, which both serve as major employers in the 19 area; additionally, Howard Payne University, which was established 20 in Brownwood in 1889, is home to a vibrant community of resident and 21 commuter students who benefit from a variety of academic and 22 athletic opportunities; and

23 WHEREAS, Brown County attracts outdoor enthusiasts to Lake 24 Brownwood State Park, which provides ample space for hiking, bird

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1 watching, swimming, kayaking, and more; locals and visitors alike 2 enjoy the Brown County Museum of History, located in the old county 3 jail, and the 36th Division Memorial Park at Camp Bowie showcases 4 authentic military equipment and vehicles from World War II through 5 Vietnam eras; and

6 WHEREAS, The hardworking and forward-looking citizens of 7 Brown County are building on a long tradition of industry and 8 achievement, and it is indeed fitting to pay tribute to their unique 9 contributions to the story of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, 10 be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas 12 Legislature hereby recognize February 8, 2023, as Brown County Day 13 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere 14 best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 166 was adopted by the House on February 8, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House