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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Liberty County are gathering in
2 Austin on February 23, 2023, to celebrate Liberty County Day at the
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Inhabited by Native Americans since the prehistoric
5 era, the area that would become Liberty County was home to the
6 Karankawa people at the time the Spanish established a mission and
7 presidio there in the mid-1700s; settlement increased in the early
8 19th century, and Liberty County was organized in 1836 as part of
9 the independent Republic of Texas, with Liberty as the county seat;
10 the county originally included all of the future Tyler County and
11 parts of what would later be Hardin, Chambers, San Jacinto, and Polk
12 Counties; and

13 WHEREAS, Situated halfway between Beaumont and Houston,
14 Liberty County is bisected by the Trinity River and features both
15 Coastal Prairie and Big Thicket terrain; the economy was initially
16 driven by such crops as cotton, sugarcane, and tobacco as well as
17 lumber and cattle, but it diversified in the early 1900s with the
18 increased cultivation of rice and the discovery of oil and natural
19 gas; and

20 WHEREAS, Residents and visitors alike benefit from the
21 recreational opportunities afforded by the Trinity River National
22 Wildlife Refuge; in addition, the county hosts a number of annual
23 events, including the Hull-Daisetta Mayhaw Festival and the Trinity
24 Valley Exposition Fair and Rodeo; and

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1 WHEREAS, Liberty County is blessed with a rich history and
2 abundant natural resources, and its residents may take great pride
3 in their accomplishments as they continue to work toward an even
4 brighter future; now, therefore, be it

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