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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Lee County are gathering in
2 Austin on February 28, 2023, to celebrate Lee County Day at the
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, In the years before it became part of Texas, the area
5 now known as Lee County was home to the Tonkawa people; European
6 exploration likely began in the area in the late 1600s, when Spanish
7 colonist Domingo Terán de los Ríos laid out what would later become
8 the Old San Antonio Road, a route that passed through present-day
9 central Lee County; settlement was sparse until after the Texas
10 Revolution, when there was an increase in immigration from Europe
11 and the Southern states; and

12 WHEREAS, Situated in the Claypan area of southeast Central
13 Texas, Lee County was created on April 14, 1874; the economy was
14 initially driven by wheat and corn production as well as cattle
15 ranching, but cotton became increasingly important as a crop after
16 1900; in more recent decades, the oil and gas industry has also
17 grown in the area; and

18 WHEREAS, The seat of Lee County is Giddings, and other
19 notable communities include Lexington, Dime Box, Lincoln, Fedor,
20 Hills, Leo, Loebau, Manheim, Northrup, Serbin, Tanglewood, and
21 Knobbs Springs; local residents and visitors enjoy a number of
22 annual events, including the Lee County Fair, the Dime Box Black
23 Bridge Festival and Mini Marathon, the Merry Marketplace Arts and
24 Crafts Fair, and the Texas Word Wrangler Festival; and

1 WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich and colorful history as they
2 work together to build a bright future, the citizens of Lee County
3 may take justifiable pride in the important role their unique
4 region continues to play in the story of the Lone Star State; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
7 Legislature hereby recognize February 28, 2023, as Lee County Day
8 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
9 best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.