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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, With a colorful history, a bounty of natural
24 resources, and an inviting small-town atmosphere, Fairfield is a

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1 desirable community in which to live and work, and its residents may
2 indeed take justifiable pride in the place they call home; now,
3 therefore, be it

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