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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Wilson County are gathering in
2 Austin on April 25, 2023, to celebrate Wilson County Day at the
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated on the upper coastal plain of South Texas,
5 Wilson County was initially inhabited by Native Americans of the
6 Coahuiltecan linguistic family; Spanish explorers traveled through
7 the area in the early 18th century, and permanent settlement began
8 some time before 1830; the first Anglo settlers arrived in the late
9 1840s, and in the following decades, the region attracted a number
10 of planters from the southern states as well as German and Polish
11 immigrants from other Texas counties; and

12 WHEREAS, Wilson County was officially established on
13 February 13, 1860, and the town of Sutherland Springs was
14 designated as its first county seat; named for James C. Wilson, a
15 legislator and member of the Somervell expedition, the county
16 encompasses sections that were originally part of Bexar and Karnes
17 Counties; the county seat alternated between Sutherland Springs and
18 Lodi before a November 1873 election named Floresville as the new
19 county seat, a decision that is still in effect today; the county's
20 other communities include Poth, Stockdale, La Vernia, and Pandora;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, A significant portion of Wilson County is considered
23 prime farmland, and the area serves as an important source of
24 peanuts, hay, sorghum, oats, wheat, corn, watermelons, peaches, and

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1 pecans; the county has also benefited from the ranching industry,
2 and cattle, dairy, hogs, and poultry have long been major
3 agricultural products in the region; and

4 WHEREAS, The people of Wilson County take great pride in
5 their rich history as they work together to build an even brighter
6 future, and it is indeed fitting to honor them for their unique
7 contributions to the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
9 Legislature hereby recognize April 25, 2023, as Wilson County Day
10 at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting
11 delegation.