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R E S O L U T I O N

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

4 WHEREAS, This section of coastal prairie along the Brazos
5 River was settled in the 1820s by members of Stephen F. Austin's Old
6 Three Hundred; Henry Smith of Brazoria served as the first
7 American-born governor of the Mexican territory of Texas and as a
8 leader of the movement for independence; the town of Columbia was
9 the capital of Texas during the first Texas Congress, and in 1836,
10 Brazoria County became one of the original counties established by
11 the new republic; and

12 WHEREAS, Farming and ranching initially constituted the
13 mainstays of the county's economy; the discovery of oil and sulfur
14 deposits in the early 20th century helped the region grow, and
15 chemical processing became increasingly important during World
16 War II and after; commercial fishing and the recreation industry
17 have helped to ensure continuing economic development; and

18 WHEREAS, Today, the numerous cities and towns of Brazoria
19 County boast excellent schools and affordable housing; visitors and
20 residents alike take great pleasure in miles of sandy beaches, bay
21 and offshore fishing, scuba diving, outstanding bird-watching, and
22 the Brazoria and San Bernard National Wildlife Refuges; the county
23 is also home to such attractions as the Nolan Ryan Center and the
24 Varner-Hogg Plantation State Historic Site, and the county seat of

1 Angleton annually hosts the Brazoria County Fair, one of the
2 largest events of its kind in Texas; and

3 WHEREAS, The educational opportunities available to students
4 at Alvin Community College, Brazosport College, and the University
5 of Houston-Clear Lake Pearland Campus further enhance the quality
6 of life in the county; and

7 WHEREAS, The largest chemical complex in North America, the
8 Texas Gulf Coast Regional Airport, and a flourishing health care
9 industry are among the major contributors to economic growth in the
10 county, and Port Freeport, ranked 15th in the United States in
11 foreign tonnage, is one of the fastest growing ports on the Gulf
12 Coast; and

13 WHEREAS, The people of Brazoria County take great pride in
14 their rich history as they work together to build an even brighter
15 future, and it is indeed appropriate to take this opportunity to
16 honor them; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
18 hereby recognize February 28, 2023, as Brazoria County Day at the
19 State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation best wishes for
20 an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.