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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Starr County are gathering in
2 Austin on March 7, 2023, to celebrate Starr County Day at the State
3 Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated in South Texas along the Rio Grande, Starr
5 County was formed in 1848 and named for Dr. James Harper Starr of
6 the Republic of Texas; over the years, farming and ranching have
7 been integral to the area, and today, construction and extraction,
8 health care, and retail trade further the region's prosperity; and

9 WHEREAS, Rio Grande City, the county seat, is located in the
10 heart of Los Caminos del Rio Heritage Corridor, which contains
11 numerous architectural and historical treasures from the 18th and
12 19th centuries; Roma, the second largest city in the county, was
13 founded in 1765 as a Spanish colonial town and, with a number of
14 19th century structures still standing, it is one of the best
15 remaining Spanish colonial townsites in the lower Rio Grande
16 Valley; the city was designated a national historic district and
17 was used in the filming of Viva Zapata, starring Marlon Brando;
18 other notable towns include Escobares and La Grulla; and

19 WHEREAS, Residents and visitors alike benefit from the
20 recreational opportunities afforded by Las Palomas State Wildlife
21 Management Area and Falcon International Reservoir as well as
22 year-round hunting; in addition, the county hosts a number of
23 annual events, including the Starr County Fair and the Fourth of
24 July Parade and Festival, held in Rio Grande City; and

1 WHEREAS, The people of Starr County take great pride in their
2 rich history as they work together to build an even brighter future,
3 and it is indeed appropriate to take this opportunity to honor them;
4 now, therefore, be it

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