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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Kleberg County are gathering in  
2 Austin on March 5, 2025, to celebrate Kleberg County Day at the  
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated both on the broad grasslands of the Gulf  
5 Coast and on Padre Island, the area that was to become Kleberg  
6 County was first inhabited by the Karankawa and Coahuiltecan  
7 peoples; Spanish settlements were established along the lower  
8 Rio Grande in the 18th century, and after a period of Mexican rule,  
9 the land became part of Nueces County when Texas secured its  
10 independence; in 1853, Richard King established the vast King  
11 Ranch, a large tract of which was used to form the city of  
12 Kingsville in 1904; the new community grew quickly as a railway hub  
13 for farmers and ranchers, and in 1913, the Texas Legislature  
14 organized Kleberg County, naming it for Robert Justus Kleberg,  
15 whose son was the manager of King Ranch, and designating Kingsville  
16 as the county seat; and

17 WHEREAS, Today, Kleberg County is a place of diversified  
18 industries; successful businesses include Proco, Inc., Kleberg  
19 Bank, and numerous energy companies; occupying 825,000 acres, the  
20 legendary King Ranch is still vital to the prosperity of the county,  
21 and the enterprise has earned fame for the region through its  
22 development of the Santa Gertrudis breed of cattle, its  
23 contributions to quarter horse and thoroughbred breeding, and its  
24 accomplishments in a variety of other agribusiness interests; and

1           WHEREAS, The largest city in Kleberg County, Kingsville is  
2 home to Texas A&M University-Kingsville, which includes the Frank  
3 H. Dotterweich College of Engineering, the Dick and Mary Lewis  
4 Kleberg College of Agriculture, the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife  
5 Research Institute, and the Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy;  
6 meeting an increasingly critical military need, Naval Air Station  
7 Kingsville trains 50 percent of United States Navy and Marine Corps  
8 tactical jet pilots every year; and

9           WHEREAS, Kleberg County benefits from the dedicated  
10 leadership of its elected officials, including county  
11 commissioners David Rosse, Chuck Schultz, Jerry Martinez, and  
12 Marcus Salinas, and county judge Rudy Madrid; and

13           WHEREAS, The hardworking and forward-looking citizens of  
14 Kleberg County are building on a long tradition of excellence, and  
15 their history and achievements are indeed deserving of special  
16 recognition; now, therefore, be it

17           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
18 Legislature hereby recognize March 5, 2025, as Kleberg County Day  
19 at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting  
20 delegation.