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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Citizens of Howard County are gathering in Austin on
2 February 6, 2025, to celebrate Howard County Day at the State
3 Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated on the high plains of West Texas, between
5 the Llano Estacado and the Edwards Plateau and at the crossroads of
6 Interstate 20 and the Ports-to-Plains designated Interstate 27,
7 Howard County is a center for oil and gas production, education,
8 health care, agriculture, transportation, manufacturing, and other
9 diverse industries; established in 1876, the county boasts a rich
10 and expansive history, and today, the area is experiencing new and
11 continuing development as citizens look ahead to the opportunities
12 of the future; and

13 WHEREAS, Residents and visitors alike enjoy an array of
14 recreational activities found in the trails and green spaces at Big
15 Spring State Park, Comanche Trail Park, and Moss Lake, and they can
16 learn about Howard County's colorful past at the Heritage Museum,
17 the Hangar 25 Air Museum, and the renovated Historic Big Spring; in
18 addition, the county hosts a number of annual events, such as the
19 Comanche Trail Festival of Lights, which has earned Big Spring
20 designation as the Lighted Poinsettia Capital of Texas; area
21 residents also benefit from the educational opportunities provided
22 by Howard College and the SouthWest College for the Deaf; and

23 WHEREAS, Deeply devoted to their communities and to the land
24 that has shaped them, the residents of Howard County may take

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1 justifiable pride in their efforts to preserve the area's rich
2 heritage and to cultivate a robust quality of life; now, therefore,
3 be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
5 Legislature hereby recognize February 6, 2025, as Howard County Day
6 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
7 best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.