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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Audubon Texas Day is taking place on February 19,  
2 2025, at the State Capitol in celebration of the 120th anniversary  
3 of the National Audubon Society; and

4 WHEREAS, The state office of the National Audubon Society,  
5 Audubon Texas is dedicated to the conservation of birds, wildlife,  
6 and their habitats across the Lone Star State; Texas is home to more  
7 than 579 bird species, making it one of the most ecologically  
8 significant states for avian biodiversity; in addition to  
9 protecting these species, Audubon Texas bolsters the state's  
10 economy through ecotourism, bird-watching, and outdoor recreation,  
11 generating hundreds of millions of dollars annually; and

12 WHEREAS, Audubon Texas leads innovative conservation efforts  
13 across the state, including a coastal island management program  
14 that dates back to 1923, nature centers in Dallas, Cedar Hill, San  
15 Antonio, and Brownsville, and initiatives that benefit grasslands,  
16 wetlands, and urban environments; and

17 WHEREAS, This year, the National Audubon Society marks its  
18 120th anniversary, providing an opportunity to celebrate its long  
19 tradition of leadership in bird and habitat conservation across the  
20 country as well as its support of bipartisan policies that further  
21 environmental stewardship at both the state and national levels;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, The mission of the National Audubon Society aligns  
24 with the principle that sound conservation policies are crucial to

1 ensuring the protection of birds, wildlife, and natural resources  
2 for future generations; the work of Audubon Texas exemplifies the  
3 interconnectedness of conservation efforts, demonstrating that  
4 protecting habitats in the state directly contributes to national  
5 environmental resilience; and

6 WHEREAS, For more than a century, Audubon Texas and the  
7 National Audubon Society have practiced careful stewardship of  
8 coasts, grasslands, urban territory, and bird populations, and  
9 their invaluable work has earned the admiration and appreciation of  
10 people across the state and beyond; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby recognize February 19, 2025, as Audubon Texas  
13 Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting  
14 delegation.