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H.R. No. 345

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Caldwell County are gathering in
2 Austin on February 26, 2025, to celebrate Caldwell County Day at the
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Located in south central Texas, the land that is now
5 Caldwell County has evidence of human settlement dating back
6 approximately 10,000 years, and it is known to have been occupied by
7 the Tonkawas, Karankawas, and Comanches; the northwestern part of
8 the county is in the Blackland Prairie region with tall grasses and
9 mesquite trees, and the southeastern part is in the Post Oak
10 Savannah with rolling hills and a wide variety of vegetation,
11 including grasses and hardwoods such as oak and elm; and

12 WHEREAS, Established by the Texas Legislature in 1848,
13 Caldwell County was formed out of territory from Bastrop and
14 Gonzales Counties and is named for Mathew Caldwell, a signer of the
15 Texas Declaration of Independence; in the early years, the county's
16 economy was driven by agriculture, especially cattle ranching and
17 cotton production, but it diversified in the 1920s with the
18 discovery of oil; the production of oil and gas continues to remain
19 a significant factor driving economic growth in the area, while
20 farming, ranching, and manufacturing continue to figure in the
21 county's economic profile; and

22 WHEREAS, Today, Caldwell County is home to more than 45,000
23 people; residents and visitors alike benefit from the recreational
24 opportunities afforded by Lockhart State Park and the San Marcos

1 River, and outdoor enthusiasts are drawn to the area for activities
2 such as boating, fishing, and hunting; the county features many
3 buildings of architectural and historic interest, among them a
4 beautifully restored courthouse and what is believed to be the
5 oldest unaltered Episcopal church in Texas; it also hosts a number
6 of annual events, such as the Watermelon Thump in Luling, and the
7 Chisholm Trail Roundup is held each June in the county seat of
8 Lockhart, which has earned recognition as the Barbecue Capital of
9 Texas; and

10 WHEREAS, The people of Caldwell County take great pride in
11 their rich history as they work to build an even brighter and more
12 prosperous future, and it is indeed fitting that they be honored for
13 their contributions to the story of the Lone Star State; now,
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
16 Legislature hereby recognize February 26, 2025, as Caldwell County
17 Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting
18 delegation.