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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Lavaca County are gathering in
2 Austin on March 17, 2025, to celebrate Lavaca County Day at the
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Lavaca County consists of 971 square miles and
5 encompasses lands from the Empresario Grants of both Stephen
6 F. Austin and Green DeWitt, where the Lavaca River was the
7 east-west boundary for both; in 1846, Lavaca County became a
8 regularly constituted county; and

9 WHEREAS, Men of Lavaca County were members of "The Immortal
10 32," who were the last and only reinforcements to arrive at the
11 Alamo on March 1, 1836, and Sam Houston's army camped in Lavaca
12 County during the Runaway Scrape; and

13 WHEREAS, Margaret L. Hallett donated land on the Lavaca River
14 for the townsite of Hallettsville, which later became the county
15 seat; in 1897, the Romanesque Revival courthouse was completed; a
16 masterpiece designed by the notable Texas architect Eugene Heiner
17 of Houston, it is now listed in the National Register of Historic
18 Places and was restored through the Texas Historic Courthouse
19 Preservation Program; and

20 WHEREAS, The Lavaca Historical Museum recounts the
21 immigration of the Czech and German settlers to the area; in
22 remembrance of their homeland, Lavaca County is the proud home of
23 several of the famed Painted Churches of Texas; and

24 WHEREAS, Ranching, farming, and oil and gas remain important

1 economic resources in Lavaca County, and Lavaca County remains
2 among the leading Texas counties in beef cattle; and

3 WHEREAS, Lavaca County is proud to host the annual Kolache
4 Fest, nationwide Fiddler's Frolic, the Shiner Bocktoberfest, the
5 Courthouse Festival of Lights, and the Texas State Domino
6 Championship, to name a few; the Spoetzl Brewery, which calls
7 Lavaca County home, produces the world-famous Shiner Beer; and

8 WHEREAS, Lavaca County is grateful for its many dedicated
9 volunteer fire departments and law enforcement personnel, and the
10 children of Lavaca County are fortunate to be well educated by
11 public, private, and homeschooling opportunities; and

12 WHEREAS, With a strong faith in God and a deep love of
13 country, Lavaca County epitomizes the strong rural backbone of the
14 great State of Texas; now, therefore, be it

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