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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Parker County are gathering in
2 Austin on March 25, 2025, in celebration of Parker County Day at the
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Established in 1855 from Bosque and Navarro
5 Counties, Parker County is named for Isaac Parker, who brought 224
6 settlers to the region in that same year; the county's population
7 and economy continued to expand during the late 19th century,
8 spurred by the construction of three railroads in the area; and

9 WHEREAS, Springtown was established in 1859 by Captain Joseph
10 Ward of New Jersey, who was impressed by the area's natural beauty
11 and its 25 cold springs; originally known as Littleton Springs, it
12 was renamed Springtown in the 1870s and incorporated in 1884; the
13 county seat, Weatherford, was incorporated in 1858 and named in
14 honor of state senator Jefferson Weatherford, who co-authored the
15 bill establishing the county; for its first decade, the town was the
16 principal frontier settlement in North Texas; and

17 WHEREAS, Over the decades, Parker County has undergone many
18 changes and today benefits from a diverse market centered on
19 commercial and agribusiness, with local farms and ranches raising
20 beef cattle, dairy cows, and horses and growing pecans and peaches;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Weatherford offers such attractions as Clark
23 Gardens, the Doss Heritage and Culture Center, and the Museum of the
24 Americas; the downtown historic district is the site of the

1 old-time Farmers Market, as well as First Monday Trade Days, one of
2 the oldest open-air markets in Texas; named the Peach Capital of
3 Texas, Weatherford has drawn more than 45,000 attendees for the
4 Parker County Peach Festival, and because of its deep roots in the
5 cutting horse industry and its proximity to the headquarters of the
6 National Cutting Horse Association, the city has gained recognition
7 as the Cutting Horse Capital of the World; and

8 WHEREAS, Located at the western edge of the Dallas-Fort Worth
9 Metroplex, Parker County offers an attractive rural setting
10 combined with proximity to urban amenities, and its citizens can
11 look back with pride at their unique history while they work to
12 build a bright future; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature
14 hereby recognize March 25, 2025, as Parker County Day at the State
15 Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting delegation.