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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Kleberg County are gathering in
2 Austin on March 5, 2025, to celebrate Kleberg County Day at the
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated both on the broad grasslands of the Gulf
5 Coast and on Padre Island, the area that was to become Kleberg
6 County was first inhabited by the Karankawa and Coahuiltecan
7 peoples; Spanish settlements were established along the lower Rio
8 Grande in the 18th century, and after a period of Mexican rule, the
9 land became part of Nueces County when Texas secured its
10 independence; in 1853, Richard King established the vast King
11 Ranch, a large tract of which was used to form the city of
12 Kingsville in 1904; the new community grew quickly as a railway hub
13 for farmers and ranchers, and in 1913, the Texas Legislature
14 organized Kleberg County, naming it for Robert Justus Kleberg,
15 whose son was the manager of King Ranch, and designating Kingsville
16 as the county seat; and

17 WHEREAS, Today, Kleberg County is a place of diversified
18 industries; successful businesses include Proco, Inc., Kleberg
19 Bank, and numerous energy companies; occupying 825,000 acres, the
20 legendary King Ranch is still vital to the prosperity of the county,
21 and the enterprise has earned fame for the region through its
22 development of the Santa Gertrudis breed of cattle, its
23 contributions to quarter horse and thoroughbred breeding, and its
24 accomplishments in a variety of other agribusiness interests; and

1 WHEREAS, The largest city in Kleberg County, Kingsville is
2 home to Texas A&M University-Kingsville, which includes the Frank
3 H. Dotterweich College of Engineering, the Dick and Mary Lewis
4 Kleberg College of Agriculture, the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife
5 Research Institute, and the Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy;
6 meeting an increasingly critical military need, Naval Air Station
7 Kingsville trains 50 percent of United States Navy and Marine Corps
8 tactical jet pilots every year; and

9 WHEREAS, Kleberg County benefits from the dedicated
10 leadership of its elected officials, including county
11 commissioners David Rosse, Chuck Schultz, Jerry Martinez, and
12 Marcus Salinas, and county judge Rudy Madrid; and

13 WHEREAS, The hardworking and forward-looking citizens of
14 Kleberg County are building on a long tradition of excellence, and
15 their history and achievements are indeed deserving of special
16 recognition; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature
18 hereby recognize March 5, 2025, as Kleberg County Day at the State
19 Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting delegation.