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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Citizens from the Town of Pecos City and Reeves County are traveling to Austin for Town of Pecos City and Reeves County Day at the State Capitol on March 5, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Situated in the Trans-Pecos region of West Texas, the area that encompasses Reeves County was first inhabited in prehistoric times and later by the Jumano and Mescalero Apache peoples as well as farmers of Mexican descent; Anglo settlers were drawn to the region's farming and ranching opportunities in the 1870s, and the arrival of the Texas and Pacific Railway in 1881 contributed to the area's growth and development; after separating from Pecos County, Reeves County was founded in 1884, and by the end of the century, its population numbered more than 1,200; its county seat, Pecos, was first established as a camp for cattle drives traveling up the Pecos River before becoming the site of a rail station; and

WHEREAS, Today, nearly 12,000 people call Reeves County home, with almost 10,000 of those residents living in Pecos; the region's economy benefits from the ranching, agricultural, construction, and retail industries, and its location in the Permian Basin makes it a prime center for oil and gas production; in the spirit of collaboration, the city and county have formed an advisory committee that supports workforce and economic development, infrastructure, and special projects in the region;

and

WHEREAS, Residents and visitors alike can enjoy the world's largest spring-fed swimming pool at Balmorhea State Park and immerse themselves in West Texas history at the West of the Pecos Museum; the area is also known for the West of the Pecos Rodeo, which has operated since 1883 and is one of the world's first rodeos; and

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

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature hereby recognize March 5, 2025, as Town of Pecos City and Reeves County Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.