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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Galveston County are gathering in  
2 Austin on March 6, 2025, to celebrate Galveston County Day at the  
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Covering approximately 870 square miles of lush  
5 grasslands, warm beaches, and sparkling waters, Galveston County  
6 was first inhabited by the Karankawa people and later, several  
7 Spanish expeditions passed through the area; the county was formed  
8 out of portions of Harrisburg, Liberty, and Brazoria Counties in  
9 1838 and named after Bernardo de Gálvez, who supported the  
10 United States in the Revolutionary War; and

11 WHEREAS, Galveston, the county's seat, is the birthplace of  
12 the national holiday Juneteenth, which marks the day in 1865 that  
13 Union Major General Gordon Granger issued General Order No. 3,  
14 announcing the freedom of more than 250,000 enslaved Black people  
15 in the state; by the late 1800s, the city had become a center for  
16 banking and a national hub for immigration; the town was  
17 devastated, however, during the Galveston hurricane of 1900, the  
18 deadliest natural disaster in U.S. history, and thousands of lives  
19 were lost; in the wake of the storm, the Galveston seawall was  
20 constructed; and

21 WHEREAS, The ports of Galveston and Texas City contributed  
22 greatly to the rebuilding of the area after the hurricane, and along  
23 with the chemical and petrochemical complex, continue to be  
24 important to the economic development of the county; additionally,

1 maritime activities, tourism, and retail sales provide jobs for  
2 many residents of the region; and

3 WHEREAS, Today, Galveston County is a center for medical  
4 services and marine research and is home to a number of institutions  
5 of higher education; these include The University of Texas Medical  
6 Branch, which encompasses schools of medicine, nursing, health  
7 professions, public and population health, and graduate biomedical  
8 sciences, and Texas A&M University at Galveston, which is one of six  
9 maritime academies in the nation, as well as College of the Mainland  
10 and Galveston College; and

11 WHEREAS, Visitors are drawn to the county's natural beauty  
12 and miles of beaches and also enjoy such family-friendly  
13 attractions as the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, the Galveston  
14 Island Wild Texas Shrimp Festival, and the Blessing of the Fleet  
15 boat parade at the Kemah Boardwalk; other points of interest  
16 include the Strand Historic District, Schlitterbahn Waterpark, the  
17 Galveston Island Historic Pleasure Pier, and Moody Gardens; and

18 WHEREAS, Galveston County is blessed with a rich history and  
19 abundant natural resources, and its citizens may take great pride  
20 in their continuing contributions to the story of the Lone Star  
21 State; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature  
23 hereby recognize March 6, 2025, as Galveston County Day at the State  
24 Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting delegation.