

By: Kolkhorst

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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to welcome proud residents of Refugio County as they gather in Austin on April 16, 2025, to celebrate Refugio County Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Situated in the Coastal Prairies region along the lower Gulf Coast, Refugio County was organized as one of the 13 original counties of the Republic of Texas, with the town of Refugio as its county seat; both the town and county are named for Nuestra Señora del Refugio Mission, which was founded in the area in 1793 and remained in operation until 1830; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture is a leading industry in Refugio County, and the area serves as an important source of livestock, sorghum, cotton, corn, wheat, and hay; the county receives economic benefits derived from the region's natural resources, including petroleum, natural gas, and industrial sand, and hunters are drawn to the landscape for its diverse wildlife; and

WHEREAS, Today, Refugio County is home to approximately 6,700 people; residents and visitors alike enjoy attending annual events hosted by the town of Refugio, such as the Refugio County Fair; and

WHEREAS, Refugio County has flourished under the dedicated leadership of its elected officials, including county judge Jhiela "Gigi" Poynter and county commissioners Roy Payne,

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Stanley Tuttle, Gary Wright, and Blaine Wolfshohl; and

WHEREAS, The people of Refugio County take great pride in their rich history as they work together to build an even brighter future, and it is indeed fitting to honor them for their unique contributions to the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby recognize April 16, 2025, as Refugio County Day at the Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting delegation; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the county as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.