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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Carrizo Springs are gathering in
2 Austin on March 31, 2025, in celebration of Carrizo Springs Day at
3 the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, The oldest settlement in Dimmit County, Carrizo
5 Springs was named by Spanish explorers for its springs and for the
6 cane grass that grew around them; the town was founded in 1865 by a
7 group of 15 families from Atascosa County, led by Levi English, with
8 additional settlers arriving from Goliad two years later; as the
9 largest and most established community in the area, it was
10 designated the county seat when Dimmit County was organized in
11 1880, and that same year, Mr. English donated a parcel of land for a
12 townsite; the 1880s brought the construction of homes and key
13 infrastructure, including the first schoolhouse, which was built by
14 a local Masonic group, the courthouse, and the establishment of *The*
15 *Carrizo Springs Javelin* newspaper; by the end of the century, the
16 thriving community was home to churches, grocery stores, a livery
17 stable, and various other businesses; and

18 WHEREAS, In its early years, the town's economy was driven by
19 sheep and cattle ranching, but after the discovery of artesian
20 water as a cost-effective irrigation source, agriculture became the
21 primary industry, attracting new settlers and increasing land
22 values; in 1910, the San Antonio, Uvalde and Gulf Railroad opened a
23 spur into Carrizo Springs, and the community officially
24 incorporated that year; despite periods of economic downturn,

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1 subsequent decades saw continued growth and infrastructure
2 improvements, including the paving of the business district in the
3 late 1920s; and

4 WHEREAS, Today, Carrizo Springs has a population of 4,800 and
5 its economy benefits from the mining, oil and gas, transportation,
6 and hospitality industries; residents and visitors alike can enjoy
7 Veterans Park as well as outdoor activities afforded by nearby
8 lakes and the Nueces River; in addition, the city boasts such
9 historic landmarks as the Dimmit County Courthouse and First
10 Baptist Church; and

11 WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich history as they work to build
12 an even brighter future, the citizens of Carrizo Springs are
13 justifiably proud of their community, and it is indeed fitting to
14 honor their contributions to the story of the Lone Star State; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
17 Legislature hereby recognize March 31, 2025, as Carrizo Springs Day
18 at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting
19 delegation.