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H.R. No. 434

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A delegation from Erath County, including  
2 representatives from the county, the City of Stephenville,  
3 Stephenville ISD, the City of Dublin, Dublin ISD and Tarleton State  
4 University, are gathering at the State Capitol on March 1, 2023, and  
5 this occasion provides a welcome opportunity to recognize the  
6 county's contributions to the Lone Star State; and

7           WHEREAS, Formed in 1856, Erath County is named for George  
8 B. Erath, an original surveyor of the area; cotton farming was an  
9 important early industry, and fruit orchards, dairy and poultry  
10 farms, and other agricultural ventures later became prominent; coal  
11 mining also provided jobs, and the Thurber Brick Company was  
12 established in 1918 to manufacture such materials as tile and  
13 paving bricks; and

14           WHEREAS, The seat of Erath County, Stephenville is situated  
15 along the Bosque River; it honors John M. Stephen, who settled there  
16 in 1854 and donated land for the townsite; Stephenville has  
17 received the Main Street designation from the Texas Historical  
18 Commission, and the 1892 Erath County Courthouse designed by James  
19 Riely Gordon is renowned for its beauty; serving as a hub for the  
20 area's agricultural operations, Stephenville is also the site of  
21 medical facilities and retail businesses, with a range of  
22 manufacturers, including Fortune 500 companies, adding economic  
23 diversity to the community; and

24           WHEREAS, The Stephenville Independent School District serves

1 more than 3,600 students at three elementary schools, an  
2 intermediate school and junior high school, and Stephenville High  
3 School; the district has received an overall A rating from the Texas  
4 Education Agency and places a strong emphasis on the core values of  
5 initiative, integrity, and growth in preparing students for the  
6 challenges and opportunities of the future; and

7         WHEREAS, the city of Dublin is located in southwestern Erath  
8 County; Dublin is home to Dublin Bottling Works, a bottling company  
9 formerly responsible for the famed "Dublin Dr. Pepper"; Dublin is  
10 the home of many famous Texan faces including renowned golfer Ben  
11 Hogan and legendary cowboy Gene Autry; Dublin is known as the  
12 official Irish Capitol of Texas, a designation it received in 2005;  
13 and

14         WHEREAS, The Dublin Independent School System serves more  
15 than 1,000 students at Dublin Elementary School, Dublin  
16 Intermediate School, and Dublin High School; the district has  
17 received an overall A rating from the Texas Education Agency and  
18 boasts a near 95% four year graduation rate; and

19         WHEREAS, The county is home to two higher education  
20 facilities, Ranger College and Tarleton State University, which is  
21 a four-year institution that was established in 1899; a member of  
22 The Texas A&M University System, TSU boasts an enrollment of more  
23 than 14,000 students and offers nearly 100 undergraduate and  
24 graduate degree plans; made up of seven academic colleges, the  
25 university also offers a doctorate in education and expanded online  
26 programs; and

27         WHEREAS, Beloved for its rich Western heritage and rural

1 friendliness, Erath County is one of the treasures of Texas, and its  
2 citizens may indeed take pride in the place they call home; now,  
3 therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby recognize March 1, 2023, as Erath County Day at  
6 the State Capitol and commend the visitors from the county, the City  
7 of Stephenville, Stephenville ISD, and Tarleton State University  
8 for their community's contributions to the Lone Star State.