

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 154

WHEREAS, Proud residents of Liberty County are gathering in Austin on February 23, 2023, to celebrate Liberty County Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Inhabited by Native Americans since the prehistoric era, the area that would become Liberty County was home to the Karankawa people at the time the Spanish established a mission and presidio there in the mid-1700s; settlement increased in the early 19th century, and Liberty County was organized in 1836 as part of the independent Republic of Texas, with Liberty as the county seat; the county originally included all of the future Tyler County and parts of what would later be Hardin, Chambers, San Jacinto, and Polk Counties; and

WHEREAS, Situated halfway between Beaumont and Houston, Liberty County is bisected by the Trinity River and features both Coastal Prairie and Big Thicket terrain; the economy was initially driven by such crops as cotton, sugarcane, and tobacco as well as lumber and cattle, but it diversified in the early 1900s with the increased cultivation of rice and the discovery of oil and natural gas; and

WHEREAS, Residents and visitors alike benefit from the recreational opportunities afforded by the Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge; in addition, the county hosts a number of annual events, including the Hull-Daisetta Mayhaw Festival and the Trinity Valley Exposition Fair and Rodeo; and

WHEREAS, Liberty County is blessed with a rich history and abundant natural resources, and its residents may take great pride in their accomplishments as they continue to work toward an even brighter future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby recognize February 23, 2023, as Liberty County Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 22, 2023.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate