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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud citizens of Wharton County are gathering in  
2 Austin on February 28, 2023, to celebrate Wharton County Day at the  
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Led by Stephen F. Austin under contract with the  
5 Mexican government, prospective landowners first came to the plains  
6 of the Colorado River in 1822; the Mexican Imperial Colonization  
7 Law of 1823 granted 177 acres to the heads of families for farming  
8 and 4,428 acres for raising cattle; and

9 WHEREAS, Wharton County was founded in April of 1846, and its  
10 name commemorates two heroes of the Texas Revolution, brothers  
11 William Harris Wharton and John Austin Wharton; the advent of  
12 railroads and irrigation brought increased settlement to the area,  
13 which remains a center of agricultural, educational, industrial,  
14 and medical services for a large region; and

15 WHEREAS, Today, nearly 42,000 people call the county home;  
16 encompassing just over 1,000 square miles of primarily prairie and  
17 timberland, it is divided roughly in half by the Colorado River,  
18 which flows through the communities of Wharton and Glen Flora; and

19 WHEREAS, The county seat, Wharton is known for its small-town  
20 way of life and its Czech, Danish, and Mexican heritage, as well as  
21 for its proximity to both Houston and the Gulf Coast, its excellent  
22 schools and championship football teams, and its popular festivals;  
23 the area also attracts visitors seeking hunting and outdoor  
24 recreation opportunities; the county's other largest towns include

1 El Campo, East Bernard, Boling, and Louise; and

2 WHEREAS, With their resilience and strong sense of community,  
3 the people of Wharton County are working to preserve the best of  
4 their past as they build an even brighter future, and it is indeed  
5 fitting to honor them for their unique contributions to the story of  
6 the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature  
8 hereby recognize February 28, 2023, as Wharton County Day at the  
9 State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting delegation.