

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 343

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Tarrant County in celebrating Tarrant County Days at the State Capitol on March 22 and 23, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Created in 1849, Tarrant County has a history rooted in the Old West, having served as the terminus point for cattle drives during the 19th century; the county was named after General Edward H. Tarrant, who commanded Republic of Texas militia forces at the Battle of Village Creek in 1841; and

WHEREAS, Tarrant County has evolved from a frontier community into a contemporary and cosmopolitan center for business, education, culture, and tourism; with more than 2 million people, it is the third most populous county in Texas; the county seat, Fort Worth, is the state's fifth-largest city, and other sizeable communities include Arlington, North Richland Hills, Euless, Bedford, and Keller; and

WHEREAS, Visitors from across the nation are drawn to such family-friendly attractions as Six Flags Over Texas and the Fort Worth Zoo, as well as to sporting events at Choctaw Stadium and AT&T Stadium; the county also is a center for art and history, with the Kimbell Art Museum, the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, and the Amon Carter Museum of American Art, which enjoy an international reputation, and the popular Fort Worth Stockyards National Historical District, which celebrates the city's Western heritage; and

WHEREAS, Tarrant County is home to The University of Texas at Arlington, a Tier One university, and to The University of Texas at Arlington Research Institute, which plans to become a global leader in advanced manufacturing, medical technologies, applied robotics, and environmental engineering; in Fort Worth, Texas Christian University continues to build on its long tradition of excellence, while Tarrant County College offers residents outstanding and affordable educational opportunities; young Texans in the county are served by the Arlington Independent School District and the Hurst-Euless-Bedford Independent School District, which together enroll nearly 80,000 students; and

WHEREAS, Tarrant County has a diversified economy and benefits from the presence of such major employers as American Airlines and Lockheed Martin; the county's thriving business community is served by organizations and local chambers of commerce that work to promote economic growth and foster a supportive climate for business; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of Tarrant County continue to honor their rich and colorful history while building an even brighter future for the generations to come, and it is indeed fitting that the residents of Tarrant County receive special recognition on their achievements and their contributions to the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby join in celebrating March 22 and 23, 2023, as Tarrant County Days at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes for a productive and enjoyable visit to Austin; and, be it further

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

Hancock, Birdwell, King, Parker

President of the Senate

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

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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