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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the residents
2 of Ellis County in celebrating March 19, 2025, as Ellis County Day
3 at the Texas Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, A county of rural charm and natural beauty, Ellis
5 County is located in North Central Texas and was created in 1849
6 from Robertson and Navarro Counties; and

7 WHEREAS, The county was named for Richard Ellis, who was
8 president of the Convention of 1836, which declared Texas'
9 independence from Mexico; and

10 WHEREAS, During the early days, the land in Ellis County
11 served as the buffalo hunting grounds for several tribes; the
12 earliest inhabitants and hunters were the Tonkawa, Kickapoo, Bidai,
13 Anadarko, and Waco; and

14 WHEREAS, Although the early settlers were chiefly stock
15 raisers, the land has been cultivated since its first settlement in
16 1843, and the county remains a vibrant agricultural area; and

17 WHEREAS, The fertile Blackland soils extend through the
18 center of the county, and the terrain varies from gently rolling
19 hills to level plain; on the east border are the Trinity River and
20 Chambers Creek; and

21 WHEREAS, The county's farming resources are diverse, with
22 livestock, cotton, grains, and other crops contributing to its
23 economic stability; and

24 WHEREAS, The county seat is Waxahachie, a city which derives

1 its name from a Native American word for "cow or buffalo creek" and
2 was originally a part of the Chisholm Trail; and

3 WHEREAS, This historic town has been the location of several
4 major films and is well known for its charming Victorian style homes
5 with gingerbread trim; and

6 WHEREAS, The Ellis County courthouse in Waxahachie is
7 elaborate; it was constructed with granite from Burnet County and
8 red sandstone; Italian artisans were imported to carve the
9 extensive stone exterior; and

10 WHEREAS, Ennis, situated in the eastern part of the county,
11 was designated the Bluebonnet City of Texas by the Texas
12 Legislature in 1997; a cultural center for descendants of Czech
13 farmers who first settled on the Blackland Prairie in 1875, Ennis is
14 the site of the National Polka Festival, as well as the Texas
15 Motorplex, a professional and amateur track that offers world-class
16 auto racing; and

17 WHEREAS, The other charming towns of Ellis County balance the
18 comfort of small-town life with convenient access to downtown
19 Dallas and the Dallas Fort Worth International Airport; and

20 WHEREAS, The county is host to numerous festive events,
21 including the Scarborough Renaissance Festival, Bethlehem
22 Revisited, and the Ennis Bluebonnet Trails and Festival; and

23 WHEREAS, Residents of Ellis County have preserved the natural
24 beauty of the land and are hospitable and friendly, making Ellis
25 County a pleasurable place to live and visit; now, therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th
27 Legislature, hereby express appreciation to the people of Ellis

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1 County for their contributions to the state and extend best wishes
2 to them for a celebratory Ellis County Day at the State Capitol;
3 and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for Ellis County as an expression of high regard by the
6 Texas Senate.