

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Throughout 2004, proud residents of Madison County
2 will come together at a variety of special events to celebrate the
3 auspicious occasion of their county's sesquicentennial; and

4 WHEREAS, Nestled in beautiful central East Texas and framed
5 by the Trinity and Navasota rivers and Bedias Creek, the area now
6 known as Madison County was once home to both the Caddo and Atakapa
7 Indians and later to a host of Spanish settlers; and

8 WHEREAS, As a result of the pioneering efforts of citizens
9 including Dr. Pleasant W. Kittrell, James Mitchell, and Job Starks
10 Collard, Madison County was established by the Texas Legislature in
11 1854 and named for President James Madison; Midway, settled in 1829
12 by J. H. Young, is the oldest community in the county, and
13 Madisonville is the county seat; and

14 WHEREAS, Madison County combines rural charm with proximity
15 to several major Texas cities; the area's fertile land supports
16 nursery crops and cattle production, the primary source of
17 agricultural income, and the county's many amenities provide for a
18 high quality of life for local residents; and

19 WHEREAS, Outdoor enthusiasts have come to enjoy the wide
20 variety of activities offered in Madison County, and the area is a
21 favorite among anglers and hunters; and

22 WHEREAS, Residents and visitors alike look forward to the
23 numerous county celebrations hosted throughout the year, including
24 Madison Sidewalk Cattlemen's parade, barbecue, and rodeo, and

1 Madisonville's mushroom festival; and

2 WHEREAS, A progressive community with a rich Texas heritage,
3 Madison County continues to play a significant role in the vitality
4 of the Lone Star State, and it is indeed a privilege to join its many
5 fine residents as they gather to observe the milestone of the
6 county's sesquicentennial; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
8 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby recognize the 150th
9 anniversary of Madison County and extend to its citizens sincere
10 best wishes for a happy and prosperous future; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for Madison County as an expression of high regard by the
13 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 98

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 98 was adopted by the House on May 11, 2004, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House