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H.C.R. No. 86

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, All Texans owe a debt of gratitude to the thousands  
2 of men who served in the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC); and

3 WHEREAS, Established in 1933 by President Franklin D.  
4 Roosevelt, the Civilian Conservation Corps operated until 1942,  
5 employing 2.5 million young men in nearly 3,000 camps throughout  
6 the nation and staging countless improvement projects that served  
7 to solidify our nation's infrastructure while offering opportunity  
8 to American families in need; and

9 WHEREAS, More than 2,600 CCC members were responsible for the  
10 development of our state parks; through the efforts of the CCC, 56  
11 parks were established between 1933 and 1942, and 31 of those parks  
12 are still in existence, overseen today by the Texas Parks and  
13 Wildlife Department; and

14 WHEREAS, The men of the CCC were charged with overseeing all  
15 aspects of the burgeoning parks system, including design and  
16 construction of bridges, culverts, and water features, as well as  
17 the outstanding landscaping enjoyed by visitors and residents  
18 alike; in addition, many of these talented men constructed tables,  
19 benches, and other structures that remain in use today; and

20 WHEREAS, The legacy of the Civilian Conservation Corps is  
21 indeed great, and it is a privilege to pay tribute to those  
22 individuals who contributed to the many successful projects  
23 undertaken by this noteworthy government agency; now, therefore, be  
24 it

1           RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas  
2 hereby pay tribute to the Civilian Conservation Corps and designate  
3 March 31, 2003, as Texas Civilian Conservation Corps Day at the  
4 State Capitol.