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H.C.R. No. 106

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Legislature is proud to join the citizens
2 of Paris, Texas, in joyous celebration of Paris-Lamar County Day at
3 the State Capitol on March 19, 2003; and

4 WHEREAS, Located in the heart of the Red River Valley, Paris
5 was founded in 1839 on the divide between the Red and Sulphur rivers
6 and became the Lamar County seat five years later; and

7 WHEREAS, The community was incorporated in 1845 and grew in
8 importance and population as it became a railroad hub; it continues
9 to play a major role in our state's economic vitality today as the
10 trade, medical, education, and industrial center of Northeast
11 Texas; and

12 WHEREAS, The strength of the area's economy lies in a solid
13 industrial base; the community is home to four major Fortune 500
14 manufacturers, and more than 20 percent of its labor force is
15 employed in the manufacturing sector; and

16 WHEREAS, Paris also has first-rate health care facilities
17 that serve Northeast Texas and a large portion of Southeastern
18 Oklahoma; and

19 WHEREAS, The community is justifiably proud of its fine
20 educational facilities; Paris Junior College addresses the higher
21 education needs of the area and has expanded its campuses to nearby
22 Sulphur Springs and Greenville, and citizens of Lamar County also
23 take immense pride in their five outstanding public school systems;
24 and

1 WHEREAS, Paris was deemed best small city in Texas by Kevin
2 Heubusch in his book *The New Rating Guide to Life in America's Small*
3 *Cities*; and

4 WHEREAS, The city draws many visitors who come to enjoy its
5 vast array of natural and cultural resources; the second-largest
6 Paris in the world, the city has benefited from the rich European
7 culture of its namesake as seen in the lovely Culbertson Fountain in
8 the heart of downtown; and

9 WHEREAS, Holding the unofficial designation as the Crape
10 Myrtle City of Texas since 1936, Paris received the official Crape
11 Myrtle City of Texas designation by a concurrent resolution of the
12 Texas House of Representatives and Senate in 1997; and

13 WHEREAS, Lakes Crook and Pat Mayse offer sports enthusiasts a
14 wide variety of recreational opportunities, while the community's
15 Sam Bell Maxey State Historic Structure and its many other historic
16 sites impart a sense of the town's vibrant heritage; and

17 WHEREAS, Rich in culture and tradition, Paris is a
18 prosperous, forward-looking community, and it gives the members of
19 the Texas Legislature great pleasure to join with our fellow
20 citizens in saluting this fine Texas region; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
22 hereby designate March 19, 2003, as Paris-Lamar County Day at the
23 State Capitol and extend best wishes to all of the community's
24 residents on this noteworthy occasion.