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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Many proud residents of Denton County have gathered
2 in Austin to celebrate Denton County Day at the State Capitol, and
3 this notable event offers an ideal opportunity to recognize the
4 county's many fine attributes; and

5 WHEREAS, Denton County was created from Fannin County by the
6 Texas Legislature in 1846, and was named for a pioneer preacher and
7 lawyer, John Bunyan Denton; and

8 WHEREAS, The community experienced tremendous growth with
9 the arrival of the railroad in the 1880s, and as residents rapidly
10 increased their production of wheat and cotton, the area earned
11 recognition within Texas and beyond as a significant agricultural
12 producer; and

13 WHEREAS, Denton County welcomed the establishment of Texas
14 Normal College and the Girls' Industrial College in 1890 and 1903,
15 respectively; known today as The University of North Texas and
16 Texas Woman's University, the schools have greatly influenced the
17 area, both economically and culturally; and

18 WHEREAS, Denton, the seat of Denton County, was established
19 in 1857 and incorporated in 1866; offering a compelling mix of
20 historical and modern attractions, the community was designated a
21 Main Street City in 1999 and is home to the stately Denton County
22 Courthouse, as well as one of the largest sports facilities in the
23 nation, the Texas Motor Speedway; and

24 WHEREAS, Residents and visitors alike enjoy the area's many

1 annual celebrations, including the Denton Arts & Jazz Festival; the
2 North Texas State Fair; the Arts, Antiques & Autos Extravaganza;
3 and the Festival of Lights; other attractions include the
4 University of North Texas Planetarium, the Texas Fashion
5 Collection, the Rare Book Room and Texana Collections, the Denton
6 County Historical Museum and Texas Heritage Center, and the Texas
7 Women's Hall of Fame and the Little Chapel-in-the-Woods at Texas
8 Woman's University; and

9 WHEREAS, The people of Denton County can take great pride not
10 only in the rich history of their community but also in its
11 promising future, and it is a privilege to recognize their
12 achievements at this time; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
14 Legislature hereby recognize February 25, 2003, as Denton County
15 Day at the State Capitol and extend best wishes to the members of
16 the visiting delegation for an enjoyable and memorable stay in
17 Austin.