

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Nacogdoches County Day at the Capitol is being held
2 January 22, 2003, in celebration of this significant area of our
3 state; and

4 WHEREAS, While the State of Texas counts six flags over the
5 course of its history, nine flags have flown over this illustrious
6 county; inhabited by Caddo Indians in historic times, the area was
7 later occupied by Spanish missionaries and Spanish settlers before
8 the arrival of Anglo-Americans in the 1820s; and

9 WHEREAS, The county seat, Nacogdoches, holds the distinction
10 of being the oldest city in Texas, having received from Mexico its
11 official designation as a pueblo in 1779; the city has played a
12 prominent role in the history of our state, with a stone house, now
13 known as the Old Stone Fort, figuring in three attempts to establish
14 a Republic of Texas; and

15 WHEREAS, A compelling tourist destination, Nacogdoches
16 County encompasses parts of the Sam Rayburn Reservoir and Angelina
17 National Forest, both popular sites for camping, hiking, and
18 fishing; the annual Blueberry Festival, a highly anticipated event
19 filled with family fun, celebrates the county's flourishing
20 blueberry industry; and

21 WHEREAS, This fertile, forested region has provided
22 residents with prosperous agribusiness and with thriving timber,
23 poultry, and dairy production; higher education also plays a
24 positive role in the local economy, for the county is home to the

1 respected Stephen F. Austin State University, and the influx of
2 students infuses the area with a youthful vitality; and

3 WHEREAS, A place of natural beauty and charm, Nacogdoches
4 County has long contributed to the development and special
5 character of Texas, and it continues to be an outstanding asset to
6 the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
8 Legislature hereby recognize January 22, 2003, as Nacogdoches
9 County Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to those
10 citizens of the county who are with us today.

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H.R. No. 26

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 26 was adopted by the House on January 22, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House