

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Panola County have traveled to Austin
2 to celebrate Panola County Day at the Capitol, and this occasion
3 offers an excellent opportunity to extend an enthusiastic welcome
4 to these fine Texans; and

5 WHEREAS, Panola County was officially created on March 30,
6 1846, by the First Legislature of the State of Texas; Pulaski was
7 the first county seat, but in 1848 an election determined that the
8 county seat should be nearer to the geographic center of the region;
9 100 acres of land were generously donated by Jonathan Anderson, and
10 the current county seat of Carthage was born; and

11 WHEREAS, With an economy largely built on the production of
12 cotton, it is indeed appropriate that the county takes its name from
13 an Indian word for cotton; Mississippi cotton grower and early
14 civic leader Judge John Allison lobbied for the name after
15 discovering that the county's soil was conducive to growing the
16 valuable cash crop; and

17 WHEREAS, Panola County's rivers, lakes, and forests offer an
18 array of recreational opportunities for outdoor enthusiasts;
19 fishing, boating, and hunting are popular pastimes for visitors and
20 residents alike, and the area's temperate climate allows for
21 year-round enjoyment of these and other activities; and

22 WHEREAS, Residents of Beckville, Gary, Tatum, and other area
23 cities and towns can take pride in the newly opened Texas Country
24 Music Hall of Fame and the Tex Ritter Museum, which attract music

1 lovers from around the world to the county seat; those enshrined in
2 the hall include such luminaries as Ernest Tubb, Gene Autry, Willie
3 Nelson, Bob Wills, Dale Evans, Waylon Jennings, and Gary native
4 Woodward Maurice "Tex" Ritter; and

5 WHEREAS, This is truly a special day at the Capitol, and it is
6 a privilege and a pleasure to pay tribute to Panola County and its
7 citizens and to honor those individuals who have made the trip to
8 Austin to take part in today's events; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That February 12, 2003, be designated Panola County
10 Day at the Capitol and that best wishes be extended to all those
11 Panola County residents who have joined us in the house chamber
12 today.

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H.R. No. 97

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 97 was adopted by the House on
February 12, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House