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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.