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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On February 11 and 12, 2003, residents of Rusk
2 County are assembling at the State Capitol in recognition of Rusk
3 County Days; and

4 WHEREAS, Rusk County, which includes the charming towns of
5 Overton, New London, and Mount Enterprise, is situated 120 miles
6 southeast of Dallas and 75 miles west of Shreveport, Louisiana; the
7 area has been graced with some of the state's most picturesque
8 landscapes, boasting gently rolling hills, bountiful wildflowers,
9 and dense forests; and

10 WHEREAS, Formed on January 16, 1843, the county was named for
11 Thomas Jefferson Rusk, who had been secretary of war under Republic
12 of Texas President Sam Houston; and

13 WHEREAS, Rusk County is the site of the great East Texas
14 oilfield, which proved to be one of the richest oil finds in United
15 States history; after the discovery of that important natural
16 resource in 1930, the population of the county quickly doubled and
17 many new towns were formed; and

18 WHEREAS, Today, the diverse economy of the county is
19 primarily comprised of oil, lumber, agribusiness, and tourism; and

20 WHEREAS, Henderson serves as the county seat and is home to 15
21 historical markers, including three Texas landmark homes: the
22 Howard-Dickinson House, the M. Kangerga House, and the T. J.
23 Walling Log Cabin; the downtown area of Henderson holds the
24 prestigious designation of National Register Historic District;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, A compelling tourist destination, Rusk County
3 features many notable attractions, including Lakeforest Park, the
4 Gaston Museum, and Harmony Hill Ghost Town; the Heritage Syrup
5 Festival, held each November, is a highly anticipated event; and

6 WHEREAS, Abundant in natural resources and charm, Rusk County
7 has contributed to the special character of Texas and is truly an
8 asset to our state; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
10 Legislature hereby recognize February 11 and 12, 2003, as Rusk
11 County Days at the State Capitol and extend to all participants best
12 wishes for an enjoyable visit.