

By: Brown of Kaufman

H.R. No. 232

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is proud to join
2 the citizens of Kaufman County in the celebration of Kaufman County
3 Day at the State Capitol on March 17, 2003; and

4 WHEREAS, Kaufman County was originally inhabited by Cherokee
5 and Caddo Indians; the first Anglo settlement, King's Fort, was
6 established by William P. King and 40 Mississippi pioneers in 1840;
7 Kaufman County was created from Henderson County in 1848, and three
8 years later King's Fort was selected as its county seat and renamed
9 Kaufman, in honor of David Spangler Kaufman, a member of the Texas
10 Legislature and the United States Congress; and

11 WHEREAS, Located in Northeast Texas, Kaufman County is
12 blessed with the fertile soil of the Blackland Prairie, an
13 attribute that attracted early settlers to the area from across the
14 southern United States; today's residents continue to take
15 advantage of this enduring natural resource, cultivating an
16 agriculture industry worth nearly \$30 million; and

17 WHEREAS, The county's most populous town, Terrell, is home to
18 two higher education facilities, Southwestern Christian College
19 and a branch of Trinity Valley Junior College, as well as cultural
20 attractions such as the Silent Wings Museum and the Terrell
21 Heritage Museum; and

22 WHEREAS, On the outskirts of Terrell lies Porter Farm; in
23 1903, this site was chosen by a federal agent to demonstrate ways of
24 combating the boll weevil, an experiment that eventually led to the

1 establishment of the United States Agricultural Extension program;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Known as the "Red Tail Hawk Capital of Texas,"
4 Kaufman County offers year-round festivities for local residents
5 and tourists alike, including Summerfest in Kaufman, the Terrell
6 Heritage Jubilee, and the Lion's Club Jackrabbit Stampede, a
7 bicycle ride through the beautiful countryside around Forney; Lake
8 Ray Hubbard and the Cedar Creek Reservoir provide visitors with an
9 opportunity for outdoor recreation; and

10 WHEREAS, Kaufman County has long been an outstanding place in
11 which to live, work, and raise a family, and it is indeed a
12 privilege to pay tribute to this community and its citizens at this
13 time; now, therefore, be it

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