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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, A delegation of proud Texans is visiting Austin on
February 24, 2003, to celebrate the many fine attributes of
Rockwall County; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1873, Rockwall County earlier formed a part of Nacogdoches, Henderson, and Kaufman counties; the area takes its name from an extensive, largely subterranean rock formation discovered in the mid-19th century by farmers digging a well; and

WHEREAS, The smallest of the Lone Star State's 254 counties, 9 Rockwall is home to people who demonstrate Texas-sized heart and 10 11 spirit; its county seat, founded in 1854 and also named Rockwall, 12 was situated along the National Road of the Republic of Texas, as 13 was the settlement of Heath; today, the City of Rockwall's Historic Preservation Advisory Board, the "Old Town" Rockwall Neighborhood 14 Association, and the Rockwall County Historical Foundation direct 15 16 their efforts to preserving the notable history of the region for future generations; and 17

18 WHEREAS, More than 43,000 individuals make their home in 19 Rockwall County's 148 square miles, where they can enjoy the 20 pleasures of rural and small-town life while living just a short 21 drive from the big-city amenities of the Dallas-Fort Worth 22 Metroplex; in addition to Rockwall and Heath, other communities in 23 the county include Fate, McLendon-Chisholm, Mobile City, Royse 24 City, and Rowlett; and

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1 WHEREAS, Contributing to the quality of life in Rockwall 2 County are strong schools and an array of cultural organizations, 3 including musical and theatrical groups; bordered on the west by 4 Lake Ray Hubbard, the county offers exceptional sailing, fishing, 5 and boating for outdoors enthusiasts, as well as numerous parks and 6 abundant other recreational opportunities; and

7 WHEREAS, Residents of Rockwall County take justifiable pride 8 in their accomplishments and look forward with anticipation to the 9 new challenges and opportunities that lie ahead; now, therefore, be 10 it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas 12 Legislature hereby recognize February 24, 2003, as Rockwall County 13 Day at the State Capitol and extend to all those involved warmest 14 wishes for a memorable event.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 288 was adopted by the House on February 24, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House