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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

9 WHEREAS, The smallest of the Lone Star State's 254 counties,
10 Rockwall is home to people who demonstrate Texas-sized heart and
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
14 Preservation Advisory Board, the "Old Town" Rockwall Neighborhood
15 Association, and the Rockwall County Historical Foundation direct
16 their efforts to preserving the notable history of the region for
17 future generations; and

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

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.