

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On April 8, 2003, many fine Texans have traveled to
2 Austin to celebrate Montgomery County Day at the State Capitol, and
3 it is a pleasure to welcome them at this time; and

4 WHEREAS, Created from part of Washington County in 1837,
5 Montgomery County was officially designated the Birthplace of the
6 Lone Star Flag by the Texas Legislature in 1997; early county
7 resident Dr. Charles Bellinger Tate Stewart was a signer of the
8 Texas Declaration of Independence, the first Texas secretary of
9 state, a Montgomery County delegate to the 1845 Constitutional
10 Convention, and a designer of the Lone Star Flag; and

11 WHEREAS, Today, about 300,000 people make their home within
12 the county's 1,000-plus square miles; while Montgomery County is
13 situated within the Houston metropolitan area, it also has a rural
14 setting that encourages residents to enjoy such treasures as the
15 Sam Houston National Forest, W. G. Jones State Forest, Lake Houston
16 State Park, Lake Conroe, and Lake Woodlands; in addition, the area
17 offers numerous outdoor pursuits, including boating, fishing,
18 hunting, hiking, and horseback riding; and

19 WHEREAS, Major contributors to the county's economy include
20 lumber, oil production, research and biotech businesses, and
21 government offices and services; the county seat of Conroe is a
22 retail/wholesale center whose must-sees include the Crighton
23 Theatre, a restored vaudeville playhouse, and the Heritage Museum
24 of Montgomery County; the 13,000-person capacity Cynthia Woods

1 Mitchell Pavilion in The Woodlands draws top-name entertainers,
2 while the town of Montgomery lays claim to the N. H. Davis Pioneer
3 Museum; and

4 WHEREAS, Rich in history, Montgomery County is committed to
5 preserving its heritage for both residents and visitors alike;
6 among the county's annual special events are the Montgomery Old
7 West Festival in June, the Willis Birthday Blast in September, and
8 the Conroe Cajun Catfish Festival in October; and

9 WHEREAS, Blessed with an abundance of natural resources and a
10 forward-looking citizenry, Montgomery County is destined to
11 continue on its path to success, saluting the past while
12 anticipating a bright and promising future; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
14 Legislature hereby recognize April 8, 2003, as Montgomery County
15 Day at the State Capitol and extend to all involved warmest best
16 wishes for an enjoyable and memorable visit.

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H.R. No. 604

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 604 was adopted by the House on April 8, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House