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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Many citizens of Grayson County have come to Austin  
2 today, April 16, 2003, to participate in the celebration of Grayson  
3 County Day at the State Capitol; and

4           WHEREAS, Named for Peter W. Grayson, attorney general of the  
5 Republic of Texas, Grayson County was formed on March 17, 1846, by  
6 the 1st Texas Legislature, which also designated the county seat  
7 and named it for Sidney Sherman, a leader at the Battle of San  
8 Jacinto; Sherman holds the distinction of being one of the few Texas  
9 towns named by an act of the legislature in what was apparently a  
10 compromise between supporters of Sam Houston, including Mr.  
11 Grayson, and Sam Houston opponents, including General Sherman; and

12           WHEREAS, In 1872, after the arrival of the Houston and Texas  
13 Central Railroad in Sherman as well as the Missouri-Kansas-Texas  
14 Railroad in Denison, Grayson County experienced a period of rapid  
15 growth and development; the population expanded and new towns  
16 emerged, including Van Alstyne, Howe, Whitewright, Pottsboro, and  
17 Tom Bean; an increase in the number of farms and the availability of  
18 convenient transportation offered by the railroads combined to  
19 transform the county, which erected the world's largest cottonseed  
20 oil mill in 1891, into a milling and market center for surrounding  
21 areas; and

22           WHEREAS, In more recent times, the Grayson County economy has  
23 diversified into numerous industries, including such commercial  
24 giants as Johnson & Johnson, Texas Instruments, Raytheon, Fisher

1 Controls, Procter & Gamble, Globitech, and Progress Rail; the  
2 county also maintains a healthy agribusiness, with peanuts,  
3 cotton, and wheat as major crops; and

4 WHEREAS, Sherman, once called the Athens of Texas, is home to  
5 Austin College, and the county also offers other first-rate  
6 educational facilities and resources through its public school  
7 system and Grayson County Community College; and

8 WHEREAS, Outdoor sports enthusiasts come to Grayson County to  
9 participate in the many activities offered around Lake Texoma, one  
10 of the world's largest reservoirs; in Denison, the birthplace of  
11 Dwight D. Eisenhower, visitors and residents alike enjoy the  
12 amenities of the Eisenhower Birthplace State Historical Park; and

13 WHEREAS, Rich in heritage and bountiful in resources, Grayson  
14 County is a major contributor to the greatness of this state and a  
15 source of tremendous pride for its residents; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
17 Legislature hereby recognize April 16, 2003, as Grayson County Day  
18 at the State Capitol and extend best wishes to all its citizens on  
19 this noteworthy occasion.