

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 13

**WHEREAS**, Nacogdoches County Day at the Capitol is being held January 22, 2003, in celebration of this significant area of our state; and

**WHEREAS**, While the State of Texas counts six flags over the course of its history, nine flags have flown over this illustrious county; inhabited by Caddo Indians in historic times, the area was later occupied by Spanish missionaries and Spanish settlers before the arrival of Anglo-Americans in the 1820s; and

**WHEREAS**, The county seat, Nacogdoches, holds the distinction of being the oldest city in Texas, having received from Mexico its official designation as a pueblo in 1779; the city played a prominent role in the history of our state, with a stone house, now known as the Old Stone Fort, figuring in three attempts to establish a Republic of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, A compelling tourist destination, Nacogdoches County encompasses parts of the Sam Rayburn Reservoir and Angelina National Forest, both popular sites for camping, hiking, and fishing; the annual Blueberry Festival, a highly anticipated event filled with family fun, celebrates the county's flourishing blueberry industry; and

**WHEREAS**, This fertile, forested region has provided residents with prosperous agribusiness and with thriving timber, poultry, and dairy production; higher education also plays a positive role in the local economy, for the county is home to the respected Stephen F. Austin State University, and the influx of students infuses the area with a youthful vitality; and

**WHEREAS**, A place of natural beauty and charm, Nacogdoches County has long contributed to the development and special character of Texas, and it continues to be an outstanding asset to the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby recognize January 22, 2003, as Nacogdoches County Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to those citizens of the county who are with us today.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 22, 2003.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate