

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 140**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to welcome the residents of Rockwall County to the State Capitol on February 24, 2003, to celebrate Rockwall County Day; and

**WHEREAS**, Located north of Kaufman County in North Central Texas, Rockwall County is situated mostly in the blackland prairie and is bordered on the west by Lake Ray Hubbard; the county has the highest proportion of arable land of any county in the state, with 39 inches of annual rainfall; and

**WHEREAS**, The county was named for the area's extensive system of subterranean walls that protrude above ground in outcroppings; the rock walls were discovered by settlers drilling for water; and

**WHEREAS**, Settlement in the area began in 1846, while the area was still part of Kaufman County, and Rockwall County was formed in 1873; it is the smallest county in Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, The county was originally an agricultural and ranching center; today the county enjoys a healthy and diverse economy due to a close proximity to the Dallas metroplex area and a well-educated and industrious citizenry; and

**WHEREAS**, The county is home to award-winning schools; students of the area consistently perform better than their peers on state and national standardized tests, win top honors in academic competitions, and go on to college in large numbers; and

**WHEREAS**, The population of Rockwall County has nearly doubled since 1980; currently, the county has a population of over 43,000; and

**WHEREAS**, Business opportunities abound, due in large part to the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce and the Rockwall Economic Development Corporation; the dedicated staff of these two fine organizations work in concert with the county and city governments and various service businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, With many recreational options close at hand, the county boasts excellent golfing at superb area courses, superior sailing at Lake Ray Hubbard, and exceptional fishing opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, Rockwall County has played a vital role in the development of the Lone Star State, and it is a pleasure to pay tribute to it; now, therefore, be it

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**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas,  
78th Legislature, hereby declare Monday, February 24, 2003,  
Rockwall County Day at the State Capitol and extend best wishes  
to all its residents on this special occasion; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for  
the county as a memento of this special day.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the  
above Resolution was adopted by  
the Senate on February 24, 2003.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate