

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 152

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the citizens of Collin County in proclaiming Tuesday, February 18, 2003, Collin County Legislative Day; and

WHEREAS, Collin County was created from Fannin County in 1846 and was named for pioneer settler Collin McKinney, a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence; located in Northeast Texas, the county was once the home of the Caddo Indians; and

WHEREAS, Collin County is famous for its rich, black clay soil and is a well known producer of wheat, hay, sorghum, and cotton; timber, beef cattle, horses, and the dairy industry are the county's major source of income; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, in spite of industrial development and population growth, the county has managed to preserve its natural habitats and historical sites; today, this attention to the area's amenities is rewarding to citizens and tourists alike; they can delight in the restored Old Collin County Post Office, a number of historically preserved homes, the McKinney Historical District, and the Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary; and

WHEREAS, The county offers first-rate recreational opportunities, such as fishing and water sports at Lake Lavon; in addition, McKinney, the county seat, is home to a trade center, a fashion outlet, museums, the Bolin Wildlife Exhibit, and Wilson Creek Park; and

WHEREAS, The City of Plano is a growing commercial and financial center, as well as the headquarters of a number of manufacturing companies; moreover, it has an award-winning park

system, a farmers' market, and a premier 54-hole miniature golf course; the city annually hosts a balloon festival and is known as the "Balloon Capital of Texas"; and

WHEREAS, Collin County is a place of natural beauty and rural charm, as well as an area of fast growing cities and communities, and residents deserve to be proud of their county's many assets; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby express appreciation to the people of Collin County for their many contributions to our state and extend best wishes to them on this special day; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the residents of Collin County as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Shapiro, Estes

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 18, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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