

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 178

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the citizens of Comanche County and to declare February 19, 2003, Comanche County Day at the Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Created in 1856 from Bosque and Coryell counties, Comanche County was named for the Comanche Indians who once dominated the Southwest Plains; and

WHEREAS, Ideally situated in the hills of Central Texas, Comanche County enjoys scenic vistas and fertile soil, and the county takes great pride in its many historical treasures; and

WHEREAS, The City of Comanche is home to "Old Cora," one of the oldest original existing courthouses in Texas; the city also boasts the legendary "Fleming Oak," named for county forefather Martin Fleming who took refuge behind the tree during an Indian attack; afterwards, he vowed to ensure the oak's well-being, and succeeding generations of Comanche County residents have continued to honor and care for the great Fleming Oak as a cherished living monument to their history; and

WHEREAS, Present-day Comanche County residents are proud of their history and annually celebrate their heritage through celebrations such as the De Leon Peach and Melon festivals, held each August, and the Comanche County Pow-Wow, which will celebrate its 22nd anniversary in September; and

WHEREAS, Comanche County boasts several other tourist attractions; thousands of Texans visit Comanche each Fourth of July to enjoy one of the largest fireworks displays in Central Texas, and the cities of De Leon and Comanche are featured along the Texas Forts Trail; and

WHEREAS, Residents of Comanche County enjoy a strong local economy; manufacturers have moved to the area, creating new jobs and increasing prosperity; the area is also known as a producer of peanuts, pecans, watermelons, cantaloupes, and milk; and

WHEREAS, Comanche County's residents are friendly and hospitable and work diligently for the betterment of their county and its communities; and

WHEREAS, Friends of Historic Comanche, Incorporated, is a group dedicated to improving Comanche County by encouraging historic preservation in the area; the organization played a major role in the selection of the City of Comanche as a Texas Main Street City; Comanche has also recently been named a 2003 National Main Street City; and

WHEREAS, Citizens of Comanche County have much to be proud of; their county has played an important role in the history of Texas, and it will continue to do so; a place of natural beauty,

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industrious, civic-minded residents, and a healthy economy, Comanche County is truly an asset to our state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby declare February 19, 2003, as Comanche County Day at the Capitol and join residents in their celebration of this occasion; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Comanche County as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 19, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate