

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 189

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the residents of Johnson County in recognizing March 26, 2003, as Johnson County Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Johnson County was named after Colonel Middleton T. Johnson, who served with distinction under Zachary Taylor in the Mexican War of 1846, and as a member of the Texas Legislature; situated in North Central Texas, the county encompasses 729 square miles of hilly and rolling land drained by tributaries of the Trinity and Brazos rivers; and

WHEREAS, During the Texas War for Independence, the territory that became Johnson County was the Mexican Municipality of Milam; after Texas gained independence, the land became part of Milam County and later McLennan County; the 1854 Texas Legislature enacted a bill that gave the area county status and its name of Johnson County; and

WHEREAS, The arrival of the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad in 1881, along with the many fine farmers and small businesses in the region, helped drive the prosperity of the county and built it into what it is today; today the area's economy has diversified into agribusiness, railroad shops, manufacturing, distribution, and lake activities; and

WHEREAS, Johnson County boasts a campus of Hill Junior College in Cleburne and Southwestern Adventist University in Keene that provide postsecondary educational opportunities for

county residents; other thriving communities in Johnson County are Burleson, Joshua, Alvarado, Briaroaks, Godley, Grandview, Rio Vista, Venus, and portions of Mansfield and Crowley; and

WHEREAS, Residents and tourists enjoy recreational opportunities at Cleburne State Park, Lake Pat Cleburne, and Hams Creek; bird and deer hunting are also popular in the region; and

WHEREAS, The residents of Johnson County take pride in their historic legacy and in their many accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the fine people of Johnson County on March 26, 2003, for their singular contributions to our state; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Johnson County as a memento of this auspicious occasion and as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Averitt

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 26, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate