

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 275

WHEREAS, On April 8, 2003, many fine Texans have traveled to Austin to celebrate Montgomery County Day at the State Capitol, and it is a pleasure to welcome them at this time; and

WHEREAS, Created from part of Washington County in 1837, Montgomery County was officially designated the Birthplace of the Lone Star Flag by the Texas Legislature in 1997; early county resident Dr. Charles Bellinger Tate Stewart was a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence, the first Texas secretary of state, a Montgomery County delegate to the 1845 Constitutional Convention, and a designer of the Lone Star Flag; and

WHEREAS, Today, about 300,000 people make their home within the county's 1,000-plus square miles; while Montgomery County is situated within the Houston metropolitan area, it also has a rural setting that encourages residents to enjoy such treasures as the Sam Houston National Forest, W. G. Jones State Forest, Lake Houston State Park, Lake Conroe, and Lake Woodlands; in addition, the area offers numerous outdoor pursuits, including boating, fishing, hunting, hiking, and horseback riding; and

WHEREAS, Major contributors to the county's economy include lumber, oil production, research and biotech businesses, and government offices and services; the county seat of Conroe is a retail/wholesale center whose must-sees include the Crighton Theatre, a restored vaudeville playhouse, and the Heritage Museum of Montgomery County; the 13,000-person capacity Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion in The Woodlands draws top-name entertainers, while the town of Montgomery lays claim to the N. H. Davis Pioneer Museum; and

WHEREAS, Rich in history, Montgomery County is committed to preserving its heritage for both residents and visitors alike; among the county's annual special events are the Montgomery Old West Festival in June, the Willis Birthday Blast in September, and the Conroe Cajun Catfish Festival in October; and

WHEREAS, Blessed with an abundance of natural resources and a forwarding-looking citizenry, Montgomery County is destined to continue on its path to success, saluting the past while anticipating a bright and promising future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby recognize April 8, 2003, as Montgomery County Day at the State Capitol and extend to all involved warmest best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable visit.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 8, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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