

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 278

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to welcome the proud citizens of Hunt County to the State Capitol and to join them in celebrating their heritage on March 6, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Authorized by the first state legislature in 1846, Hunt County was created from Fannin and Nacogdoches counties; it was named for Memucan Hunt, secretary of the navy for the Republic of Texas; and

WHEREAS, The county is situated in North Texas and is traversed by the Sabine and Sulphur rivers; the area enjoys mostly heavy Blackland soil with some loam soil; cattle raising and greenhouse crops, as well as wheat, oats, and grain sorghum production contribute to a vigorous agriculture economy with a market value of more than \$20 million; and

WHEREAS, Greenville became the county seat in the 1840s, and the first courthouse was established under the direction of Judge O. M. Roberts; cases were first heard under a canopy under the old twin oak until a more permanent structure was built in 1859; and

WHEREAS, As the county grew, so too did a strong newspaper tradition; the first newspaper was *The Gladiator*, which was followed by the *Greenville Morning Herald* and *The Banner*; eventually, these two newspapers became the *Greenville Herald-Banner*; and

WHEREAS, In 1899, Hunt County's growth inspired the establishment of East Texas Normal College; it became

East Texas State University in 1965 and was named Texas A&M University-Commerce in 1996; and

WHEREAS, The expanding economy in the region led to the establishment of several commercial banks, and in 1910, the Greenville Chamber of Commerce was founded; currently, several Fortune 500 companies are located in the county; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of Hunt County are an industrious people who have preserved their history, while planning for a bright future; they are rightfully proud of their many contributions to our state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby declare March 6, 2003, Hunt County Day at the State Capitol and extend best wishes to its citizens for a memorable celebration on this special day; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for them as an expression of esteem 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 March 3, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate