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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The year 2006 marks the 150th anniversary of the  
2 founding of Llano County, and this singular milestone offers an apt  
3 opportunity to reflect on the county's unique place in the history  
4 of the Lone Star State; and

5           WHEREAS, Situated in the green expanses of the Hill Country  
6 on the eastern part of the Edwards Plateau, Llano County was a  
7 hunting ground for the Tonkawa and Comanche tribes before the  
8 advent of European settlement; and

9           WHEREAS, With the coming of pioneers in the 19th century,  
10 small towns like Whistleville and Bugscuffle began to spring up  
11 throughout the area, and Llano County was officially founded on  
12 February 1, 1856; and

13           WHEREAS, The turmoil of the Civil War took its toll on the  
14 region, and growth was slow throughout the 1860s; and

15           WHEREAS, In the postwar era, the county began to flourish, as  
16 evidenced by the appearance of the first bank, courthouse, and  
17 newspaper in Llano, the county seat; and

18           WHEREAS, After a brief boom based on a wishful assessment of  
19 the area's iron-mining potential, Llano County found its true  
20 sources of 20th-century prosperity in farming, the granite  
21 industry, and ranching, which remains the county's economic  
22 mainstay; and

23           WHEREAS, More recently, winemaking, feed processing, and the  
24 production of insecticide and commercial talc have taken their

1 places in the county's commercial landscape; and

2 WHEREAS, Throughout its rich and colorful history, Llano  
3 County's greatest natural asset has been its friendly and  
4 industrious inhabitants, and their warm hospitality has ensured the  
5 area's popularity with visitors from across the state and around  
6 the world; and

7 WHEREAS, Tourists are also drawn by the county's storied  
8 past, and the courthouse, the jail, the Southern Hotel, and the Badu  
9 House are all listed in the National Register of Historic Places;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, While justifiably proud of their shared heritage,  
12 modern-day residents of Llano County also have their eyes firmly  
13 fixed on the future, and their common commitment to the continued  
14 advancement of the region is worthy of every Texan's praise and  
15 admiration; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
17 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commemorate the  
18 sesquicentennial of the founding of Llano County and extend to all  
19 its residents sincere best wishes for the future.