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H.R. No. 264

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Winchester Cemetery Association are
2 gathering on May 7th, 2006, at Winchester Cemetery in Fayette
3 County to celebrate the longstanding tradition known as Decoration
4 Day; and

5 WHEREAS, Founded in 1871, the cemetery has been recognized
6 with a Texas Historical Marker, and many Ingram Prairie pioneer
7 families are buried there, along with Civil War veterans; the land
8 for the cemetery was donated in 1871 by Colonel Nathan Thomas, a
9 former member of the Texas Legislature and civic leader; and

10 WHEREAS, Since the formation of the Winchester Cemetery
11 Association in 1881, its members have met annually on the first
12 Sunday in May; as part of this yearly ritual, members place flowers
13 on every grave in the cemetery, including those of unknown
14 decedents, in moving tribute to the past residents of the county;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Though serious in nature, Decoration Day is far from
17 a somber occasion, and the assembled families join together in
18 fellowship over shared picnics in what is often called "the
19 Prettiest Little Cemetery in Texas"; and

20 WHEREAS, In paying homage to this historic site and to those
21 interred there, the celebrants of Decoration Day aptly honor their
22 rich heritage while fully embracing the beauty of a spring day in a
23 peaceful setting, and this profound appreciation of the continuity
24 of life deserves the admiration of every Texan; now, therefore, be

1 it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
3 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commemorate the 2006
4 celebration of Decoration Day at Winchester Cemetery in Fayette
5 County and extend to all participants sincere best wishes for a
6 truly memorable event; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the Winchester Cemetery Association as an expression
9 of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.