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H.C.R. No. 61

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, People from Rusk County are assembling at the State
2 Capitol to celebrate Rusk County Day on February 10, 2005; and

3 WHEREAS, This East Texas county sits near the edge of the
4 Texas-Louisiana divide, drained by the headwaters of the Sabine and
5 Angelina Rivers; located 120 miles southeast of Dallas, the
6 picturesque landscape includes piney woods, red clay hills, and
7 lush valleys; and

8 WHEREAS, Officially established by the Congress of the
9 Republic of Texas on January 16, 1843, it was named for General
10 Thomas J. Rusk, who had served as secretary of war under Sam
11 Houston; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1930, the county's economy changed dramatically
13 with the discovery of the East Texas Oil Field, six miles west of
14 Henderson, the county seat; since then, the population has grown to
15 include more than 45,000 citizens, and the economy thrives on oil,
16 agribusiness, light industry, and tourism; today, Rusk County ranks
17 among the top five counties in the state for oil production; and

18 WHEREAS, With a significant appreciation for the past, the
19 city of Henderson is home to many historical landmarks, including
20 the M. Kangerga House, the Howard-Dickinson House, and the T. J.
21 Walling Log Cabin; it joins other notable towns dotting the county
22 such as New London, Overton, and Mount Enterprise; and

23 WHEREAS, With its natural beauty, history, and prosperity,
24 Rusk County stands apart as a truly unique part of the Lone Star

1 State, and its citizens should be proud to claim allegiance to such
2 a vibrant county; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
4 hereby recognize February 10, 2005, as Rusk County Day at the State
5 Capitol and extend to all participants a warm welcome.

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