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H.R. No. 182

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Proud Denton County residents are gathering at the  
2 Texas Capitol on February 15, 2005, to celebrate their county's  
3 unique and valuable contributions to the commerce and culture of  
4 the Lone Star State; and

5           WHEREAS, Created in 1846, Denton County was named for pioneer  
6 preacher and lawyer John Bunyan Denton, and its present-day  
7 residents are apt successors to the county's namesake in their  
8 independent spirit and love of learning; and

9           WHEREAS, Denton County is the home of two of the state's  
10 finest universities, Texas Woman's University and the University of  
11 North Texas, which were founded as Girls' Industrial College and  
12 Texas Normal College in 1890 and 1903, respectively, and the alumni  
13 of these schools have gone on to make their mark on the history of  
14 Texas and the nation; and

15           WHEREAS, The early years of the county saw its emergence as an  
16 agricultural center, and the arrival of the railroads in the 1880s  
17 ensured that the area's wheat and cotton would find distribution  
18 across the country; and

19           WHEREAS, More recently, Denton County's agricultural bounty  
20 has been matched by its cultural and entertainment offerings, and  
21 visitors come to the area to participate in such diverse events as  
22 the Denton Arts & Jazz Festival, the North Texas State Fair, the  
23 Arts, Antiques, & Autos Extravaganza, and the Festival of Lights;  
24 and

1           WHEREAS, Further attractions in the Denton area include the  
2 displays of the University of North Texas Planetarium, the  
3 architecture of the Denton County Courthouse, and the action of the  
4 Texas Motor Speedway; and

5           WHEREAS, Denton County's storied past is but prelude to its  
6 dynamic present and promising future, and we join its citizens in  
7 saluting one of the Lone Star State's important regions; now,  
8 therefore, be it

9           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby recognize February 15, 2005, as Denton County  
11 Day at the State Capitol and extend best wishes to the members of  
12 the visiting delegation for an enjoyable and memorable stay in  
13 Austin.