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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Residents of Walker County are gathering on February  
2 15, 2005, at the State Capitol to share their justifiable pride in  
3 this unique region of the Lone Star State; and

4           WHEREAS, Nestled among the gently rolling green hills of the  
5 East Texas Piney Woods, Walker County is abundant in natural  
6 resources, and its sparkling waterways and plentiful wildlife make  
7 it an outdoor enthusiast's paradise; and

8           WHEREAS, Created in 1846 from a section of Montgomery County,  
9 Walker County was originally named for U.S. Secretary of the  
10 Treasury Robert J. Walker but was renamed in 1863 for Texas Ranger  
11 Captain Samuel H. Walker; and

12           WHEREAS, The county's largest and best-known employer is the  
13 Texas Department of Criminal Justice, and the county seat,  
14 Huntsville, is well known to students of Texas history as the  
15 adopted hometown of General Sam Houston, president of the Republic  
16 of Texas, U.S. senator, governor of both Texas and Tennessee, and  
17 hero of the Battle of San Jacinto; and

18           WHEREAS, Walker County's colorful past is on display not only  
19 at the Sam Houston Memorial Museum but also at the H.E.A.R.T.S.  
20 Veterans Museum and the Texas Prison Museum, while its bright  
21 future is well represented by the talented students readying  
22 themselves for their own careers at Sam Houston State University  
23 and by the current and future civic leaders who have graduated from  
24 the Huntsville Leadership Institute; and

1           WHEREAS, The full-time residents of Walker County likewise  
2 eagerly anticipate the weeks and years to come as their beloved home  
3 continues to grow and flourish, nourished by a past rich in history;  
4 now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
6 Legislature recognize February 15, 2005, as Walker County Day at  
7 the State Capitol and extend best wishes to all those visiting for  
8 an enjoyable and memorable day.