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H.R. No. 243

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Citizens from Nacogdoches County, members of the
2 Nacogdoches Chamber of Commerce, and the Leadership Nacogdoches
3 Class of 2005 are celebrating Nacogdoches County Days at the State
4 Capitol on February 16 and 17, 2005; and

5 WHEREAS, Possessing a rich and varied history, Nacogdoches
6 County is one of the original counties of the Republic of Texas; the
7 region was occupied by Caddo Indians and Spanish missionaries
8 before the arrival of Anglo-Americans in the 1820s; and

9 WHEREAS, The county seat, Nacogdoches, is the oldest city in
10 Texas and received its official designation from the Mexican
11 government in 1779; it was home to the state's first newspaper,
12 *Gaceta de Tejas*, and today it maintains several historic landmarks,
13 including the Old Stone Fort, which figured prominently in the
14 quest for Texas independence; and

15 WHEREAS, Located in the Piney Woods of East Texas, the area
16 boasts a fertile forestland, which has provided residents with
17 prosperous agribusiness, and thriving timber, poultry, and dairy
18 production; and

19 WHEREAS, With its natural beauty and charm, Nacogdoches
20 County also lends itself to ample recreational activities and
21 outdoor events; the Sam Rayburn Reservoir and Angelina National
22 Forest are both popular sites for camping, hiking, and fishing, and
23 the Blueberry Festival in June is a notable event that celebrates
24 the county's thriving blueberry industry; and

1 WHEREAS, Higher education is an important part of daily life
2 for many residents of Nacogdoches as it is the home of Stephen F.
3 Austin State University, which supports the local economy and
4 infuses the city with a youthful energy and spirit; and

5 WHEREAS, This unique and vibrant Texas county has played an
6 indelible role in the history of Texas, and it is appropriate to
7 take this opportunity to pay tribute to the residents of
8 Nacogdoches County for their preservation of their region's
9 important past and their myriad contributions to the Lone Star
10 State today; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
12 Legislature hereby recognize February 16 and 17, 2005, as
13 Nacogdoches County Days at the State Capitol and extend to the
14 delegation here today sincere best wishes for an enjoyable visit.