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H.R. No. 485

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On March 30, 2005, many proud residents from Hunt
2 County are visiting Austin to celebrate Hunt County Day at the State
3 Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Formed from Nacogdoches and Fannin Counties in 1846,
5 the county is named for Memucan Hunt, who was a prominent legislator
6 and secretary of the Texas Navy and who became the first Texas
7 minister to Washington; and

8 WHEREAS, While its rich blackland soil made it a good
9 cotton-producing region, the county has undergone many changes
10 through the years and now has a multifaceted economy that features
11 manufacturing, agribusiness, education, and the tourism industry;
12 Hunt County is home to several *Fortune 500* companies and many
13 residents who commute to the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex; and

14 WHEREAS, Greenville serves as the county seat and has
15 numerous attractions, such as the Audie Murphy/American Cotton
16 Museum, the Peace Garden, and Mathews Prairie Nature Preserve; and

17 WHEREAS, This geographically diverse region offers ample
18 opportunities for fishing, boating, hunting, and a wide variety of
19 other water and outdoor sports, and the county takes great pride in
20 upholding its unique heritage with traditional events, including
21 the annual Bois d'Arc Bash in Commerce and the Audie Murphy Day
22 Celebration in Greenville; and

23 WHEREAS, Texas A&M University--Commerce is also located in
24 Hunt County; an institution that is committed to academic

1 excellence, it received high marks in *U.S. News & World Report's*
2 rankings of America's best colleges; and

3 WHEREAS, Founded in 1924, Paris Junior College (PJC) has
4 three campuses, including the Greenville Center in Hunt County; the
5 PJC Greenville Center has been open since 1994, and its enrollment
6 has grown from 70 students to an all-time record high of 1,000
7 students this past semester; and

8 WHEREAS, The people of Hunt County are readily embracing the
9 myriad challenges and opportunities of the future while retaining
10 their colorful history and rich culture; they have made significant
11 contributions to the Lone Star State, and it is most appropriate to
12 pay tribute to them at this time; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
14 Legislature hereby recognize March 30, 2005, as Hunt County Day at
15 the State Capitol and extend to its residents sincere best wishes
16 for the future.