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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A group of proud Texans is visiting Austin on
2 February 28, 2005, to celebrate the many fine attributes of
3 Rockwall County; and

4 WHEREAS, Before its establishment in 1873, Rockwall County
5 formed a part of Nacogdoches, Henderson, and Kaufman Counties; the
6 area takes its name from an extensive, largely subterranean rock
7 formation discovered in the mid-19th century by farmers digging a
8 well; and

9 WHEREAS, Recently celebrating its 150th anniversary, the
10 county seat, also named Rockwall, was founded along with Heath on
11 the National Road of the Republic of Texas, a major route used by
12 settlers that ran from the Dallas area to the Red River; today, the
13 City of Rockwall's Historic Preservation Advisory Board, the "Old
14 Town" Rockwall Neighborhood Association, and the Rockwall County
15 Historical Foundation direct their efforts toward preserving the
16 notable history of the region for future generations; and

17 WHEREAS, Nearly 51,000 Texans make their home in Rockwall
18 County's 148 square miles, where they can enjoy the pleasures of
19 rural and small-town life while living just a short drive away from
20 the big-city amenities of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex; in
21 addition to Rockwall and Heath, other communities in the county
22 include Fate, McLendon-Chisholm, Mobile City, Royse City, and
23 Rowlett; and

24 WHEREAS, Contributing to the quality of life in Rockwall

1 County are strong schools and an array of cultural organizations,
2 including musical and theatrical groups; bordered on the west by
3 Lake Ray Hubbard, the county offers exceptional sailing, fishing,
4 and boating for outdoor enthusiasts as well as numerous parks and
5 abundant other recreational opportunities; and

6 WHEREAS, The smallest of the Lone Star State's 254 counties,
7 Rockwall County is nonetheless home to people who demonstrate
8 Texas-sized heart and spirit; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
10 Legislature hereby recognize February 28, 2005, as Rockwall County
11 Day at the State Capitol and extend to all those residents of the
12 county here today warmest wishes for a memorable visit.