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H.R. No. 677

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Many proud residents of Hill County are gathering in
2 Austin to celebrate Hill County Day at the State Capitol on March 9,
3 2005; this festive event is indeed an appropriate occasion to pay
4 special tribute to this unique Texas county; and

5 WHEREAS, On February 7, 1853, the Texas Legislature created
6 Hill County from the western portion of Navarro County on petition
7 from Dr. Josephus Murray Steiner, Elijah Sterling Clack Robertson,
8 and various citizens of Navarro County; a few months later, county
9 officials were elected in Lexington on Jack's Branch, currently
10 Union Bluff; the region's name pays tribute to Dr. George
11 Washington Hill, a former Indian agent, secretary of war and
12 secretary of marine, and congress member of the Republic of Texas;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Throughout the years, Hill County has grown with the
15 changing times while still maintaining the charm and friendliness
16 of a small rural county; the county's citizens worked diligently to
17 restore its historic 1890 courthouse when it was destroyed by a fire
18 in 1993; they returned the courthouse to its former glory in 1999,
19 and it continues today to function as the hub for all county
20 business; and

21 WHEREAS, Each year the communities of Hill County, including
22 Hillsboro, Hubbard, Itasca, and Whitney, host a number of gala
23 events such as the county fair, the Go Texan/Cotton Pickin' Fair,
24 the Cinco de Mayo Celebration, Pioneer Days, and the Memorial Day

1 Weekend Hubbard City Trade Days and Festivities; these events are
2 ideal showcases for the county's hospitality, agricultural roots,
3 scenic beauty, and heritage tourism attractions; and

4 WHEREAS, The residents of Hill County are justifiably proud
5 of their fine county, their heritage, their hospitality, and the
6 many special qualities that make it an outstanding place in which to
7 live, work, and raise a family, and it is most fitting that Hill
8 County be given special recognition at this time; now, therefore,
9 be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
11 Legislature hereby recognize March 9, 2005, as Hill County Day at
12 the State Capitol and extend to those citizens here today sincere
13 best wishes for an enjoyable visit.