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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Montgomery County are celebrating the
2 contributions of their county with a trip to the State Capitol on
3 March 29, 2005; and

4 WHEREAS, Located in the East Texas Timberlands region,
5 Montgomery County was the third county formed under the Republic of
6 Texas; artifacts from the Paleo-Indian and Archaic cultures have
7 been found in the area, suggesting a human presence for more than
8 10,000 years; and

9 WHEREAS, Among the region's earliest Anglo-American settlers
10 was Andrew Montgomery, who established a trading post that was one
11 of the county's first settlements and that eventually became the
12 town of Montgomery; the Republic of Texas Congress officially
13 established Montgomery County in 1837; and

14 WHEREAS, The construction of the railroads toward the end of
15 the 19th century led to a significant economic transformation in
16 the region, and in 1932, oil was discovered southeast of Conroe; and

17 WHEREAS, Today the county's major industries still include
18 oil and lumber, but its abundant lakes and forest land also make it
19 an attractive destination for many; opportunities for hunting,
20 boating, fishing, and hiking abound in the Sam Houston National
21 Forest, the W. Goodrich Jones State Forest, Lake Conroe, and Lake
22 Woodlands; and

23 WHEREAS, Many charming towns dot the landscape of Montgomery
24 County, including the county seat, Conroe; the region's first

1 settlement, Montgomery; the cities of Porter and Shenandoah, which
2 provide comfortable residential neighborhoods for some of the
3 county's population, and the township of Willis, which originally
4 thrived with a successful tobacco industry and now has a profitable
5 timber and farming economy; and

6 WHEREAS, The Woodlands is located in southern Montgomery
7 County and is the site of the Houston Advanced Research Center,
8 which promotes scientific research and technology development on
9 issues relating to the environment, energy, medicine, and
10 information technology; the city also features an innovative
11 waterway linking offices, retail space, and dining and
12 entertainment venues to minimize automobile traffic; and

13 WHEREAS, The town of Cut and Shoot earned its unique name
14 after a 1912 community dispute over the design of a new steeple for
15 the town's only church and land claims among church members; when
16 the issue reached a boiling point, a young boy near the church
17 reportedly yelled, "I'm going to cut around the corner and shoot
18 through the bushes," which stuck in the minds of residents, who soon
19 adopted the name Cut and Shoot; and

20 WHEREAS, The residents of Montgomery County may take
21 justifiable pride in their region's rich heritage, and it is a
22 pleasure to honor them as they look forward to a bright and
23 promising future; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
25 Legislature hereby recognize March 29, 2005, as Montgomery County
26 Day at the State Capitol and extend to its citizens here today
27 sincere best wishes for an enjoyable visit to Austin.