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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Residents of Conroe are visiting the State Capitol  
2 on April 18, 2005, to celebrate their fair city's contributions to  
3 the Lone Star State and to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the  
4 city's official founding; and

5           WHEREAS, Located in central Montgomery County on the southern  
6 edge of the Sam Houston National Forest, Conroe was first settled by  
7 Isaac Conroe, a Houston lumberman, who established a sawmill on  
8 Stewarts Creek, two miles east of the International-Great Northern  
9 Railroad's Houston-Crockett line; in 1884, a post office was opened  
10 at the mill commissary, and the new community assumed the name  
11 Conroe's Switch, which was eventually shortened to Conroe; and

12           WHEREAS, Early pioneers moved to the area to farm and take  
13 advantage of the land's plentiful natural resources such as timber;  
14 the prosperous economy contributed to expansive growth in the early  
15 part of the 20th century, and the city was incorporated on December  
16 27, 1904; and

17           WHEREAS, Wildcatter George W. Strake discovered oil in Conroe  
18 in 1931, which permanently changed the economic landscape of the  
19 city; today, in addition to lumber and petrochemical concerns, new  
20 technology and several manufacturing and engineering firms have  
21 contributed to the area's growth; and

22           WHEREAS, Residents and visitors alike are attracted to the  
23 outdoor opportunities provided by Lake Conroe and annual events  
24 such as the Montgomery County Fair; in 1999, a broad revitalization

1 of downtown benefited the city's arts organizations, including the  
2 Crighton Players, the Montgomery Performing Arts Society, the  
3 Conroe Symphony, and the Sounds of Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, Citizens of Conroe celebrated the city's 100th  
5 anniversary with a centennial ceremony at the Lone Star Convention  
6 Center on November 29, 2004; with its thriving business community,  
7 attractive residential developments, and outstanding schools, this  
8 unique and vibrant city continues to be a treasured asset of the  
9 Lone Star State, and it is a pleasure to pay tribute to the  
10 community and its residents at this time; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby recognize April 18, 2005, as Conroe Day at the  
13 State Capitol and extend to the delegation here today sincere best  
14 wishes for an enjoyable and memorable visit.