

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 138

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas takes pleasure in recognizing the citizens of Walker County and in designating February 15, 2005, as Walker County Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Visitors from Walker County at the Capitol today include Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce representatives and members of the 23rd annual class of the Huntsville Leadership Institute; and

WHEREAS, Walker County covers 801 square miles of rolling hills and open prairies in the Piney Woods area in southeast Texas; when colonists from the United States settled in the area in the 1830s, Pleasant and Ephraim Gray established a trading post that would become the City of Huntsville; and

WHEREAS, In 1846, the First Legislature of the State of Texas established Walker County and designated Huntsville the seat of government; two years later, the county was selected as the site for the Texas State Penitentiary, and Sam Houston State University was established in Huntsville in 1879; and

WHEREAS, Huntsville is proud to be the home of Sam Houston, who is memorialized with a 67-foot statue on a 10-foot base; it is also the site of the Sam Houston Memorial Museum; other places of interest include the Texas Prison Museum, the HEARTS Veterans Museum of Texas, Huntsville State Park, and the Sam Houston National Forest; and

WHEREAS, Huntsville was designated a Main Street City by the Texas Historical Commission in 2001, and since then, the historic Roberts-Farris Log Cabin has been moved to the downtown square and restored; the cabin now serves as a visitor center; and

WHEREAS, Walker County Day at the State Capitol is an excellent opportunity for the Senate to recognize the county's rich history and its educational, economic, and cultural contributions to the development of this state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby extend a warm welcome to the citizens from Walker County who have come to the Capitol this day and recognize February 15, 2005, as Walker County Day; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on February 15, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate