

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 227

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the citizens of Atascosa County in celebrating February 23, 2005, as Atascosa County Day at the Capitol; and

**WHEREAS**, Situated astride the famous Camino Real, Atascosa County has benefited throughout its history from its location on major transportation arteries that link the Gulf Coast region, the Rio Grande Valley and Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, Atascosa County was founded in 1856 when a courthouse was built at Navatasco on land donated by Jose Antonio Navarro; two years later, the county seat was relocated to Pleasanton until an election in 1910 moved it to Jourdanton, where it remains today; and

**WHEREAS**, Atascosa County is blessed with fertile farmland and a productive range; every April, the Poteet Strawberry Festival celebrates the annual strawberry harvest, and the Longhorn Museum in Pleasanton offers natural science and local history exhibits; and

**WHEREAS**, Each year, the citizens of Atascosa County enjoy the Frenchie Burke Festival in Lytle during May and the Cowboy Homecoming Celebration in Pleasanton at the end of August; Saint Ignatius Catholic Church holds its annual picnic celebration during the Labor Day weekend; this year, the Charlotte High School Band will be the only Texas school band to march in the Memorial Day Parade in Washington, D. C.; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2006, Atascosa County will celebrate its 150th birthday with a gala sesquicentennial celebration; the county's residents should be justly proud of their heritage and the traditions and achievements encompassed in it; and

**WHEREAS**, Atascosa County citizens have enriched our state for over a century; this special day is an appropriate occasion to recognize them; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby recognize Atascosa County and commend its citizens for their contributions to our state; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as an expression of esteem 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 23, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate