

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 256

WHEREAS, A group of proud Texans is visiting Austin on February 28, 2005, to celebrate the many fine attributes of Rockwall County; and

WHEREAS, Before its establishment in 1873, Rockwall County formed a part of Nacogdoches, Henderson, and Kaufman Counties; the area takes its name from an extensive, largely subterranean rock formation discovered in the mid-19th century by farmers digging a well; and

WHEREAS, Recently celebrating its 150th anniversary, the county seat, also named Rockwall, was founded along with Heath on the National Road of the Republic of Texas, a major route used by settlers that ran from the Dallas area to the Red River; today, the City of Rockwall's Historic Preservation Advisory Board, the "Old Town" Rockwall Neighborhood Association, and the Rockwall County Historical Foundation direct their efforts toward preserving the notable history of the region for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Nearly 51,000 Texans make their home in Rockwall County's 148 square miles, where they can enjoy the pleasures of rural and small-town life while living just a short drive away from the big-city amenities of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex; in addition to Rockwall and Heath, other communities in the county include Fate, McLendon-Chisholm, Mobile City, Royse City, and Rowlett; and

WHEREAS, Contributing to the quality of life in Rockwall County are strong schools and an array of cultural organizations,

including musical and theatrical groups; bordered on the west by Lake Ray Hubbard, the county offers exceptional sailing, fishing, and boating for outdoor enthusiasts as well as numerous parks and abundant other recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, The smallest of the Lone Star State's 254 counties, Rockwall County is nonetheless home to people who demonstrate Texas-sized heart and spirit; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby recognize February 28, 2005, as Rockwall County Day at the State Capitol and extend to all those residents of the county here today warmest wishes for a memorable visit.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 28, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate