

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 331

WHEREAS, Many proud residents of Hill County are gathering in Austin to celebrate Hill County Day at the State Capitol on March 9, 2005; this festive event is indeed an appropriate occasion to pay special tribute to this unique Texas county; and

WHEREAS, On February 7, 1853, the Texas Legislature created Hill County from the western portion of Navarro County on petition from Dr. Josephus Murray Steiner, Elijah Sterling Clack Robertson, and various citizens of Navarro County; a few months later, county officials were elected in Lexington on Jack's Branch, currently Union Bluff; the region's name pays tribute to Dr. George Washington Hill, a former Indian agent, secretary of war and secretary of marine, and congress member of the Republic of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, Hill County has grown with the changing times while still maintaining the charm and friendliness of a small rural county; the county's citizens worked diligently to restore its historic 1890 courthouse when it was destroyed by a fire in 1993; they returned the courthouse to its former glory in 1999, and it continues today to function as the hub for all county business; and

WHEREAS, Each year the communities of Hill County, including Hillsboro, Hubbard, Itasca, and Whitney, host a number of gala events such as the county fair, the Go Texan/Cotton Pickin' Fair, the Cinco de Mayo Celebration, Pioneer Days, and the Memorial Day Weekend Hubbard City Trade Days and Festivities;

these events are ideal showcases for the county's hospitality, agricultural roots, scenic beauty, and heritage tourism attractions; and

WHEREAS, The residents of Hill County are justifiably proud of their fine county, their heritage, their hospitality, and the many special qualities that make it an outstanding place in which to live, work, and raise a family, and it is most fitting that Hill County be given special recognition at this time; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby recognize March 9, 2005, as Hill County Day at the State Capitol and extend to those citizens here today sincere best wishes for an enjoyable visit.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 9, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate