

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 475**

**WHEREAS**, On March 30, 2005, many proud residents from Hunt County are visiting Austin to celebrate Hunt County Day at the State Capitol; and

**WHEREAS**, Formed from Nacogdoches and Fannin Counties in 1846, the county is named for Memucan Hunt, who was a prominent legislator and secretary of the Texas Navy and who became the first Texas minister to Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, While its rich blackland soil made it a good cotton-producing region, the county has undergone many changes through the years and now has a multifaceted economy that features manufacturing, agribusiness, education, and the tourism industry; Hunt County is home to several *Fortune 500* companies and many residents who commute to the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex; and

**WHEREAS**, Greenville serves as the county seat and has numerous attractions, such as the Audie Murphy/American Cotton Museum, the Peace Garden, and Mathews Prairie Nature Preserve; and

**WHEREAS**, This geographically diverse region offers ample opportunities for fishing, boating, hunting, and a wide variety of other water and outdoor sports, and the county takes great pride in upholding its unique heritage with traditional events, including the annual Bois d'Arc Bash in Commerce and the Audie Murphy Day Celebration in Greenville; and

**WHEREAS**, Texas A&M University--Commerce is also located in Hunt County; an institution that is committed to academic

excellence, it received high marks in *U.S. News & World Report's* rankings of America's best colleges; and

**WHEREAS**, Founded in 1924, Paris Junior College has three campuses, including the Greenville Center in Hunt County; the Paris Junior College Greenville Center has been open since 1994, and its enrollment has grown from 70 students to an all-time record high of 1,000 students this past semester; and

**WHEREAS**, The people of Hunt County are readily embracing the myriad challenges and opportunities of the future while retaining their colorful history and rich culture; they have made significant contributions to the Lone Star State, and it is most appropriate to pay tribute to them at this time; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby recognize March 30, 2005, as Hunt County Day at the State Capitol and extend to its residents sincere best wishes for the future.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 30, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate