

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 481**

**WHEREAS**, Residents of Montgomery County are celebrating the contributions of their county with a trip to the State Capitol on March 29, 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, Located in the East Texas Timberlands region, Montgomery County was the third county formed under the Republic of Texas; artifacts from the Paleo-Indian and Archaic cultures have been found in the area, suggesting a human presence for more than 10,000 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Among the region's earliest Anglo-American settlers was Andrew Montgomery, who established a trading post that was one of the county's first settlements and that eventually became the town of Montgomery; the Republic of Texas Congress officially established Montgomery County in 1837; and

**WHEREAS**, The construction of the railroads toward the end of the 19th century led to a significant economic transformation in the region, and in 1932, oil was discovered southeast of Conroe; and

**WHEREAS**, Today the county's major industries still include oil and lumber, but its abundant lakes and forest land also make it an attractive destination for many; opportunities for hunting, boating, fishing, and hiking abound in the Sam Houston National Forest, the W. Goodrich Jones State Forest, Lake Conroe, and Lake Woodlands; and

**WHEREAS**, Many charming towns dot the landscape of Montgomery County, including the county seat, Conroe; the region's first settlement, Montgomery; the cities of Porter and Shenandoah, which provide comfortable residential neighborhoods for some of the county's population, and the township of Willis, which originally thrived with a successful tobacco industry and now has a profitable timber and farming economy; and

**WHEREAS**, The Woodlands is located in southern Montgomery County and is the site of the Houston Advanced Research Center, which promotes scientific research and technology development on issues relating to the environment, energy, medicine, and information technology; the city also features an innovative waterway linking offices, retail space, and dining and entertainment venues to minimize automobile traffic; and

**WHEREAS**, The town of Cut and Shoot earned its unique name after a 1912 community dispute over the design of a new steeple for the town's only church and land claims among church members; when the issue reached a boiling point, a young boy near the church reportedly yelled, "I'm going to cut around the corner and shoot through the bushes," which stuck in the minds of residents, who soon adopted the name Cut and Shoot; and

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**WHEREAS**, The residents of Montgomery County may take justifiable pride in their region's rich heritage, and it is a pleasure to honor them as they look forward to a bright and promising future; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby recognize March 29, 2005, as Montgomery County Day at the State Capitol and extend to its citizens here today sincere best wishes for an enjoyable visit to Austin.

Staples, Williams

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 29, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate

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