## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 589

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the Texas Association of Counties in recognizing April 13, 2005, as County Government Day at the Capitol; and

WHEREAS, The week of April 11 through 15, 2005, is being observed by the National Association of Counties as National County Government Week to provide the nation's citizens with an opportunity to honor the work of county governments; and

WHEREAS, The oldest form of local government in the United States, county governments address many critical issues, including environmental protection, indigent health care, special assistance for the elderly, job training, and public safety; and

WHEREAS, There are 254 counties in Texas, and those dedicated individuals who serve our counties as elected or appointed officials not only work diligently to meet the needs of citizens without placing an undue burden on taxpayers but also commit themselves to finding solutions to problems that will benefit all Texans; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Association of Counties encourages citizens across the state to observe National County Government Week by learning more about this vital form of local government and the many ways in which it serves the public; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend the county officials of this state for their countless contributions to Texas and welcome members of the Texas Association of Counties to the State Capitol; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of the counties and county officials of Texas.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 11, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate