

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 630

WHEREAS, Residents of Conroe are visiting the State Capitol on April 18, 2005, to celebrate their city's contributions to the Lone Star State and to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the city's official founding; and

WHEREAS, Located in central Montgomery County on the southern edge of the Sam Houston National Forest, Conroe was first settled by Isaac Conroe, a Houston lumberman, who established a sawmill on Stewarts Creek, two miles east of the International-Great Northern Railroad's Houston-Crockett line; in 1884, a post office was opened at the mill commissary, and the new community assumed the name Conroe's Switch, which was eventually shortened to Conroe; and

WHEREAS, Early pioneers moved to the area to farm and take advantage of the land's plentiful natural resources such as timber; the prosperous economy contributed to expansive growth in the early part of the 20th century, and the city was incorporated on December 27, 1904; and

WHEREAS, Wildcatter George W. Strake discovered oil in Conroe in 1931, which permanently changed the economic landscape of the city; today, in addition to lumber and petrochemical concerns, new technology and several manufacturing and engineering firms have contributed to the area's growth; and

WHEREAS, Residents and visitors alike are attracted to the outdoor opportunities provided by Lake Conroe and annual events such as the Montgomery County Fair; in 1999, a broad revitalization of downtown benefited the city's arts organizations, including the Crighton Players, the Montgomery Performing Arts Society, the Conroe Symphony, and the Sounds of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Citizens of Conroe celebrated the city's 100th anniversary with a centennial ceremony at the Lone Star Convention Center on November 29, 2004; with its thriving business community, attractive residential developments, and outstanding schools, this unique and vibrant city continues to be a treasured asset of the Lone Star State, and it is a pleasure to pay tribute to the community and its residents at this time; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby recognize April 18, 2005, as Conroe Day at the State Capitol and extend to the delegation here today sincere best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable visit.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 18, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate