

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Wood County are visiting Austin
2 to celebrate Wood County Day at the State Capitol on March 21, 2007;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, This rolling, forested country was inhabited by the
5 Caddo people before the first permanent European settlement was
6 founded in 1845; Wood County was organized from part of Van Zandt
7 County in 1850 and named after George T. Wood, governor of Texas
8 from 1847 to 1849; the county was home for a time to James Stephen
9 Hogg, who served as justice of the peace in Quitman from 1873 to
10 1875 and as Wood County attorney in 1878, and who later went on to
11 become one of the Lone Star State's great governors; and

12 WHEREAS, The county's economy originally depended on corn and
13 cotton, but the discovery of oil in 1941 brought new prosperity to
14 the region; by 1984 Wood County had produced nearly one billion
15 barrels of oil, and today the county's economic base includes
16 ranching, poultry and dairy farming, tourism, the harvesting of
17 timber, and oil and gas production; and

18 WHEREAS, Residents and visitors alike enjoy the area's fine
19 recreational opportunities; the county features the large Lake Fork
20 Reservoir, widely regarded as one of the best locations for bass
21 fishing in the state, as well as Lake Winnsboro and Lake Hawkins;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, The birthplace of Academy Award-winning actress
24 Sissy Spacek, Quitman is home to the picturesque Wood County

1 Courthouse and to the Governor Hogg Shrine Historic Site; the
2 town's annual celebrations include the Dogwood Fiesta and the Old
3 Settlers Reunion; and

4 WHEREAS, The 80-year-old Select Theater in Mineola is the
5 oldest continuously operating movie theater in the state, and the
6 Autumn Trails events every October in Winnsboro draw sightseers
7 from all over the state; and

8 WHEREAS, Scenic Wood County is blessed with a rich heritage
9 and the promise of a bright future, and it is fitting to pay tribute
10 to the county and its residents at this time; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas
12 hereby recognize March 21, 2007, as Wood County Day at the State
13 Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation best wishes for an
14 informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.

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H.C.R. No. 157

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 157 was adopted by the House on
March 21, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 157 was adopted by the Senate on
March 21, 2007, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor