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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Marshall are gathering at the State  
2 Capitol on April 4, 2007, to celebrate the contributions of their  
3 fair city to the Lone Star State; and

4 WHEREAS, Located near the Texas-Louisiana border in the  
5 beautiful rolling hills of East Texas, the city was named in honor  
6 of Chief Justice John Marshall and has served as the seat of  
7 Harrison County since 1842; and

8 WHEREAS, By 1860, Marshall had become one of the largest and  
9 wealthiest towns in the region, and its success was due in large  
10 part to the railway system that supported the town's commercial and  
11 industrial development and sizable agricultural industry; and

12 WHEREAS, Today, blessed with an abundance of red and white  
13 clay, residents of Marshall have built a flourishing ceramics  
14 industry, with 12 wholesale pottery manufacturers, five retail  
15 outlets, and countless talented artisans; and

16 WHEREAS, The city has long been considered an educational  
17 center for East Texas, as it is home to three institutions of higher  
18 learning: East Texas Baptist University, Texas State Technical  
19 College, and Wiley College; and

20 WHEREAS, For many years, citizens of Marshall have  
21 demonstrated a deep commitment to preserving their heritage as  
22 evidenced by the Ginocchio National Historic District, which  
23 features one of the state's finest examples of Victorian hotel  
24 architecture, the 1896 Ginocchio Hotel; the city is also the site of

1 the Texas and Pacific Depot, the Allen House, the Weisman Center,  
2 and the Harrison County Historical Museum, all of which contribute  
3 to a revitalized downtown area; and

4 WHEREAS, Supporting a thriving arts community as well, the  
5 city is aided by the Marshall Regional Arts Council, which has  
6 presented lively seasons of performances to residents and tourists  
7 alike for the past two decades; the Michelson Museum of Art, the  
8 Marshall Symphony, and the Marshall Visual Arts Center all  
9 contribute to the cultural vibrancy of this remarkable East Texas  
10 city; and

11 WHEREAS, Marshall was named an All-American City by the  
12 National Municipal League in 1976, and the city's residents remain  
13 justifiably proud of this prestigious honor as they continue their  
14 efforts to preserve the city's rich history while preparing for a  
15 bright and promising future; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas  
17 hereby recognize April 4, 2007, as Marshall Day at the State Capitol  
18 and extend to all those who are visiting sincere best wishes for an  
19 enjoyable and informative trip to the State Capitol.