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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Citizens from Nacogdoches County, members of the  
2 Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce, and the Leadership  
3 Nacogdoches Class of 2007 are assembling at the State Capitol to  
4 celebrate Nacogdoches County Days on February 21 and 22, 2007; and

5           WHEREAS, Originally inhabited by the mound-building Caddoan  
6 people, this fertile and forested region was visited by Spanish  
7 explorers in the 1500s; in 1716, the first nonnative settlements  
8 were founded, including Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe de los  
9 Nacogdoches, which was named for the local Native Americans and  
10 located on the site that is now the city of Nacogdoches; and

11           WHEREAS, Nacogdoches County has a long tradition of "firsts";  
12 in 1813, *Gaceta de Tejas* was the first newspaper to be written in  
13 Texas; Benjamin Edwards and 30 followers were the first to declare  
14 the independence of Texas during the Fredonian Rebellion of 1826;  
15 the Battle of Nacogdoches on August 2, 1832, is often considered the  
16 opening salvo of the Texas Revolution; and the county was the site  
17 of the first producing oil well in Texas, which was drilled in 1866;  
18 and

19           WHEREAS, The heartland of the Piney Woods of East Texas,  
20 Nacogdoches County is home to a thriving lumber industry as well as  
21 being an important center for ranching and poultry farming; the  
22 county's economy is further driven by a variety of innovative  
23 companies, including Pilgrim's Pride, a provider of farm products,  
24 and Effective Teleservice, Inc., a telecommunications company; and

1           WHEREAS, The residents of the county and the state are well  
2 served by a fine institution of higher learning, Stephen F. Austin  
3 State University, with 11,000 students attending its picturesque  
4 campus in Nacogdoches and contributing to the city's vibrant  
5 character; and

6           WHEREAS, The natural beauty of Nacogdoches County is on  
7 display in the Angelina National Forest, a prime attraction for  
8 hikers, campers, and hunters; the Sam Rayburn Reservoir is another  
9 splendid leisure destination, offering ample opportunities for  
10 boating, swimming, camping, and picnicking; the Texas Blueberry  
11 Festival, held in June, celebrates the county's blueberry industry  
12 with live entertainment, a pancake breakfast, and a classic car  
13 show; the county's many attractions draw visitors from outside the  
14 area, and they also lure new residents, including individuals  
15 entering their retirement years; the county is one of the first in  
16 the state to have received the designation of Certified Retirement  
17 Community from the Texas Department of Agriculture; and

18           WHEREAS, Singular and scenic, Nacogdoches County has played  
19 an essential part in the history of Texas, and it is fitting to take  
20 this opportunity to honor the county's residents for their past  
21 accomplishments and their continuing contributions to the Lone Star  
22 State; now, therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
24 Legislature hereby recognize February 21 and 22, 2007, as  
25 Nacogdoches County Days at the Texas State Capitol and extend to the  
26 delegation sincere best wishes for an enjoyable and informative  
27 visit to Austin.