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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Hill County are gathering in  
2 Austin to celebrate Hill County Day at the State Capitol on February  
3 21, 2007; and

4 WHEREAS, This scenic region of prairie and gently rolling  
5 hills east of the Brazos River was first inhabited 700 years ago; in  
6 the early 1700s hunting camps were established by the Wichita  
7 people, and in the 1820s and 1830s Indians of the Comanche and  
8 Taovaya tribes moved through the area; and

9 WHEREAS, Hill County was established by the state legislature  
10 on February 7, 1853, and named for Dr. George Washington Hill, the  
11 secretary of war for the Republic of Texas under President Sam  
12 Houston; Hillsboro was founded in 1853, as county seat; and

13 WHEREAS, Cattle and cotton were the mainstays of the economy  
14 in the early days, and by the early 1900s the county was the  
15 second-largest cotton-producing county in the nation; and

16 WHEREAS, Hill County has grown with the changing times while  
17 still maintaining the charm and friendliness of a small rural  
18 county; the county's courthouse, which was nearly destroyed by fire  
19 in 1993, was restored to its 1890s grandeur and continues to  
20 function as the hub for all county business; Hill College provides  
21 for the educational needs of the county's citizens and further  
22 serves the county with its Performing Arts Series; the campus also  
23 houses the Harold B. Simpson History Center, home of the Texas  
24 Heritage Museum with its famous Audie Murphy exhibit and the

1 Confederate Research Center with its 5,000-volume library on the  
2 Civil War; and

3 WHEREAS, Recreational opportunities for the county's  
4 residents and visitors are provided by Lake Whitney State Park, a  
5 prime destination for camping, hiking, boating, and bird-watching,  
6 with over 194 species of birds spotted so far; additionally, Hill  
7 County native Willie Nelson, born in Abbott, recently opened the  
8 850-seat Willie Nelson Theater in Carl's Corner; and

9 WHEREAS, Each year the communities of Hill County host a  
10 number of gala events such as the Hill County Fair and Livestock  
11 Show and the Go Texan/Cotton Pickin' Fair in Hillsboro, Pioneer  
12 Days in Whitney, and the Hubbard Trade Days, all of which showcase  
13 the county's hospitality, agricultural heritage, and scenic  
14 beauty; and

15 WHEREAS, The residents of Hill County are justifiably proud  
16 of their heritage and the many qualities that make their county an  
17 outstanding place in which to live, work, and raise a family, and it  
18 is most fitting that Hill County be given special recognition on  
19 this day; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
21 Legislature hereby recognize February 21, 2007, as Hill County Day  
22 at the State Capitol and extend to its citizens sincere best wishes  
23 for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.