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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, On March 7, 2007, proud residents of Hunt County are  
2 visiting Austin on the occasion of Hunt County Day at the State  
3 Capitol, presenting a fitting opportunity to celebrate that vibrant  
4 region of the Lone Star State; and

5           WHEREAS, Located in the Blackland Prairie of northeastern  
6 Texas, Hunt County's first inhabitants were the Kiowa Indians;  
7 Anglo settlers arrived in 1839, and the county was officially  
8 formed from parts of Fannin and Nacogdoches Counties in 1846; with  
9 Greenville as its seat, the county was named after Memucan Hunt,  
10 secretary of the navy and minister to Washington under the Republic  
11 of Texas; and

12           WHEREAS, While the county's early economy depended mainly on  
13 cotton, life changed dramatically after the Civil War; the arrival  
14 of the railroad in the mid-1870s was a catalyst for 11 communities  
15 that sprang up around train depots, and by the early 20th century,  
16 Hunt County was home to the first municipally owned public  
17 utilities in Texas and a number of industries centered around the  
18 cotton trade, such as cotton-spinning mills, cotton compresses, and  
19 a cottonseed-oil refinery; and

20           WHEREAS, Hunt County has continued to grow and today has more  
21 than 82,000 residents; its diverse economy now includes such  
22 industries as aircraft electronics and plastics distribution, and  
23 eight Fortune 500 companies have offices in Greenville; and

24           WHEREAS, The county is well served by two institutions of

1 higher learning, Texas A&M University--Commerce and the Greenville  
2 Center of Paris Junior College, and it is enriched by a number of  
3 recreational and cultural attractions; picturesque Lake Tawakoni  
4 State Park is a destination for boating, swimming, camping, and  
5 hiking, the Mathews Prairie Nature Preserve, a 100-acre tract of  
6 native prairie meadow that has never been plowed, is ideal for  
7 birders and wildflower enthusiasts, and the Audie Murphy/American  
8 Cotton Museum commemorates the importance of cotton to the region  
9 and celebrates the life of Hunt County native Audie Murphy, film  
10 star and the most decorated American soldier of World War II; and

11 WHEREAS, The citizens of Hunt County may take justifiable  
12 pride in their community and know that it has contributed immensely  
13 to the history and vitality of Texas; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
15 Legislature hereby recognize March 7, 2007, as Hunt County Day at  
16 the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere  
17 best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable stay in Austin.