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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Residents of Montgomery County are celebrating the  
2 contributions of their county with a trip to the State Capitol on  
3 April 3, 2007; and

4           WHEREAS, Located in the East Texas Timberlands region,  
5 Montgomery County was the third county formed under the Republic of  
6 Texas; artifacts from the Paleo-Indian and Archaic cultures have  
7 been found in the area, suggesting a human presence for more than  
8 10,000 years; and

9           WHEREAS, Among the region's earliest Anglo-American settlers  
10 was Andrew Montgomery, who established a trading post that was one  
11 of the county's first settlements and that eventually became the  
12 town of Montgomery; the Republic of Texas Congress officially  
13 established Montgomery County in 1837; and

14           WHEREAS, The construction of the railroads toward the end of  
15 the 19th century led to a significant economic transformation in  
16 the region, and in 1932, oil was discovered southeast of Conroe; and

17           WHEREAS, Today the county's industries still include oil and  
18 lumber, but its abundant lakes and forest land also make it an  
19 attractive destination for many; opportunities for hunting,  
20 boating, fishing, and hiking abound in the Sam Houston National  
21 Forest, the W. Goodrich Jones State Forest, Lake Conroe, Lake  
22 Woodlands, and Spring Creek; and

23           WHEREAS, Many charming towns dot the landscape of Montgomery  
24 County, including the county seat, Conroe; the region's first

1 settlement, Montgomery; the cities of Porter, Oak Ridge, and  
2 Shenandoah, which provide comfortable residential neighborhoods  
3 for some of the county's population, and the township of Willis,  
4 which originally thrived with a successful tobacco industry and now  
5 has a profitable timber and farming economy; and

6 WHEREAS, The Woodlands, a master-planned community where  
7 residents live, work, play, and learn, is located in southern  
8 Montgomery County; it is home to the Cynthia Woods Mitchell  
9 Pavilion, which in 2006 was ranked the fourth best-attended outdoor  
10 music facility in the nation; the community also features a  
11 1.25-mile waterway that serves as a transportation corridor linking  
12 offices, retail stores, and dining and entertainment venues; and

13 WHEREAS, The town of Cut and Shoot earned its unique name  
14 after a 1912 community dispute over the design of a new steeple for  
15 the town's only church and land claims among church members; when  
16 the issue reached a boiling point, a young boy near the church  
17 reportedly yelled, "I'm going to cut around the corner and shoot  
18 through the bushes," which stuck in the minds of residents, who soon  
19 adopted the name Cut and Shoot; and

20 WHEREAS, The residents of Montgomery County may take  
21 justifiable pride in their region's rich heritage, and it is a  
22 pleasure to honor them as they look forward to a bright and  
23 promising future; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
25 Legislature hereby recognize April 3, 2007, as Montgomery County  
26 Day at the State Capitol and extend to its citizens here today  
27 sincere best wishes for an enjoyable visit to Austin.