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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Many proud Northeast Texas residents are visiting
2 Austin to celebrate Rains County Day at the State Capitol on March
3 27, 2007; and

4 WHEREAS, Rains County was created in the late 1800s from
5 Hopkins, Hunt, and Wood Counties; the county and its seat, Emory,
6 were named in honor of Emory Rains, an early pioneer who served in
7 the Congress of the Republic of Texas; and

8 WHEREAS, Rains County is one of the smallest counties in the
9 state but was the 20th fastest-growing county in the country in
10 2003; and

11 WHEREAS, Situated between Lake Tawakoni and Lake Fork
12 Reservoir, this lovely area is blessed with an abundant water
13 supply and fertile soil characteristic of the Blackland Prairie
14 region; the county initially prospered as a thriving agricultural
15 and ranching center and today enjoys a diverse economy that
16 includes oil production, manufacturing, and tourism; and

17 WHEREAS, Emory, which was originally known as Springville, is
18 now the largest town in Rains County with just over 1,000 people; it
19 is home to the Rains County Fair Grounds and the annual Eagle Fest
20 celebration held in February, when the county's lakes are the
21 winter home of many American bald eagles and other rare birds; and

22 WHEREAS, The city of Point was incorporated in the 1960s and
23 is recognized as the birthplace of the National Farmers Union, an
24 organization that has grown to include more than 300,000 members;

1 the 10 founding fathers of the NFU are memorialized by a historic
2 monument in the city which incorporates a statue of the union's
3 founder, Isaac Newton Gresham, and a display of the state flags of
4 the NFU's member states; and

5 WHEREAS, The county's youngest municipality, East Tawakoni,
6 was incorporated in the 1960s and has experienced significant
7 growth in recent years; this resort area offers residents the
8 benefits of a relaxed rural community while providing easy access
9 to Dallas; and

10 WHEREAS, Proof positive that good things do come in small
11 packages, Rains County has indeed played a vital role in the
12 development of the Lone Star State, and it is a pleasure to join
13 with our fellow Texans in saluting the county and its fine citizens;
14 now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
16 Legislature hereby recognize March 27, 2007, as Rains County Day at
17 the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation from Rains
18 County sincere best wishes for an informative and memorable stay in
19 Austin.