

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Proud residents of Williamson County are gathering  
2 in Austin to celebrate Williamson County Day at the State Capitol on  
3 April 19, 2007; and

4           WHEREAS, The 16th fastest growing county in the nation,  
5 Williamson County is home to nearly 350,000 residents, and that  
6 number is expected to double by 2015 and exceed one million by 2020;  
7 Leander's population has grown by an estimated 85 percent since  
8 2000, and Hutto has experienced phenomenal growth, with its  
9 population estimated to have increased by over 1,200 percent in  
10 that same period; the county is among the state's leaders in  
11 household income, yet its housing costs remain well below the  
12 national average, and the crime rate is one of the lowest in the  
13 nation; and

14           WHEREAS, The county has developed in recent years from a  
15 historically agricultural region into an industrial and retail  
16 powerhouse; its vibrant manufacturing sector is led by world-famous  
17 Dell Computers; custom cabinetmaker Burrows Manufacturing has  
18 opened an expanded facility in Taylor, and Round Rock is the new  
19 home of such destination retail businesses as the Swedish home  
20 furnishings superstore IKEA and the Round Rock Premium Outlets  
21 mall, which features 125 name-brand stores; and

22           WHEREAS, The quality and accessibility of health care in the  
23 county are also on the rise, with the addition of major new regional  
24 clinics and hospitals by Scott and White, the Seton Family of  
25 Hospitals, St. David's HealthCare, and Triad Hospitals; and

1           WHEREAS, Anchored by outstanding public schools, the  
2 county's educational system is enhanced by Georgetown's  
3 Southwestern University, which is rated one of the finest private  
4 colleges in the nation by *The Princeton Review* and *U.S. News & World*  
5 *Report*, and by Texas State University, with its new Round Rock  
6 Higher Education Center; and

7           WHEREAS, Faith has long played a prominent role in the lives  
8 of Williamson County residents, and this tradition is carried on  
9 today in more than 200 area houses of worship; and

10           WHEREAS, The hardworking citizens of Williamson County enjoy  
11 such fine opportunities for recreation and celebration as the  
12 Chamber Golf Classic in Cedar Park, the Red Poppy Festival in  
13 Georgetown, Frontier Days in Round Rock, and the Barbecue Cook-off  
14 in Taylor; sports fans from all over the region enjoy the home games  
15 of the Round Rock Express Class AAA baseball team at the Dell  
16 Diamond; and

17           WHEREAS, With its world-class workforce, remarkable quality  
18 of life, and wise investment in infrastructure to accommodate rapid  
19 and sustained growth, Williamson County is a classic Texas success  
20 story, and the progressive, "can do" spirit of its people points the  
21 way to a bright and exciting future for Central Texas; now,  
22 therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
24 Legislature hereby recognize April 19, 2007, as Williamson County  
25 Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation best  
26 wishes for an informative and enjoyable visit to Austin.

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H.R. No. 1597

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1597 was adopted by the House on April 19, 2007, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House