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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

1 Hospitals, St. David's HealthCare, and Triad Hospitals; and

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

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

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

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

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