

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 308**

**WHEREAS**, Citizens from Nacogdoches County and members of the Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce and of the Leadership Nacogdoches Class of 2007 are celebrating Nacogdoches County Days at the State Capitol on February 21 and 22; and

**WHEREAS**, Known for its rich and varied history, Nacogdoches County is one of the original counties of the Republic of Texas; the region was occupied by Caddo Indians and Spanish missionaries before the arrival of Anglo-Americans in the 1820s; and

**WHEREAS**, The county seat, Nacogdoches, is the oldest city in Texas and received its official designation from the Mexican government in 1779; it was home to the state's first newspaper, *Gaceta de Tejas*, and today, the city maintains such significant historic landmarks as the Old Stone Fort, which figured prominently in the quest for Texas' independence; and

**WHEREAS**, Located in the Piney Woods of East Texas, known also as "Texas Forest Country," Nacogdoches County boasts a fertile forestland, which provides residents with a thriving timber business and a prosperous agribusiness; and

**WHEREAS**, With its natural beauty and charm, Nacogdoches County also lends itself to ample recreational activities and outdoor events; the Sam Rayburn Reservoir and Angelina National Forest are both popular sites for camping, hiking, and fishing; the Texas Blueberry Festival, held annually the second week in June, is a notable event that celebrates the county's thriving blueberry industry; the county is also one of the first three Certified Retirement Communities in Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, Higher education is an important part of daily life for residents of the city of Nacogdoches, as it is the home of the respected Stephen F. Austin State University, which supports the local economy and infuses the city with a youthful energy and spirit; and

**WHEREAS**, A unique and vibrant Texas county, Nacogdoches County has played an indelible role in the history of Texas, and it is appropriate to take this opportunity to pay tribute to its residents for their preservation of their region's past and their many contributions to the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby recognize February 21 and 22, 2007, as Nacogdoches County Days at the State Capitol and extend to the delegation sincere best wishes for an enjoyable visit; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this event.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 21, 2007.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate