

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 606

WHEREAS, Citizens from Shelby County, including members of the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce and the Leadership Shelby County Class of 2007, the organization's fourth graduating class, are celebrating Shelby County Day at the State Capitol on March 29, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Originally organized by the Mexican government as the Tenehaw Municipality, this lovely region was reorganized as Shelby County by the Congress of the Republic of Texas in 1836 and was named for Isaac Shelby, a United States Revolutionary War soldier from Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Nestled deep in the Piney Woods of East Texas, Shelby County is rich in natural resources, and the area's economy is boosted by timber, cattle, and poultry production; although agriculture has served as the foundation of the county's economy, the economy was enhanced by the manufacturing that began in 1850; and

WHEREAS, Center, the county seat and the county's largest town, is home to the Shelby County Museum, Shelby Junior College, and the Shelby County Courthouse, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as the only Irish-castle-style courthouse in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Center was named a Hardworking Rural Community and given a Shining Star award from the Texas Department of Agriculture's Texas Yes! Program; the award was for its successful work in community development and economic development by partnering and collaborating with local, regional, and state resources; and

WHEREAS, Shelby County's landscape is rich with hills and timber and is an ideal area for hunting, fishing, and camping; the county has committed to form local partnerships in order to make an application for the Texas Certified Retirement Community designation; and

WHEREAS, This unique and vibrant county continues to be one of the Lone Star State's most treasured regions, and it is a pleasure to pay tribute to the residents of Shelby County and express appreciation for their contributions to our fair state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby recognize March 29, 2007, as Shelby County Day at the State Capitol and extend to the delegation here today sincere best wishes for an enjoyable visit; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of Shelby County.

Nichols

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 29, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate