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H.C.R. No. 175

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Titus County visited Austin on  
2 March 25, 2009, to celebrate Mount Pleasant Day at the State  
3 Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Caddo Indians were the earliest inhabitants of this  
5 scenic, rolling section of East Texas in historic times; drawn by  
6 red mineral springs, they named a nearby hill "Pleasant Mound";  
7 later, Creek, Choctaw, and Cherokee lived in the area; and

8 WHEREAS, Settlers of European descent increasingly occupied  
9 the region in the 1840s, and the 1st Texas Legislature established  
10 Titus County in 1846; it was named for pioneer Andrew Jackson Titus,  
11 who opened the first road to the Red River port of Jefferson; Mount  
12 Pleasant was named as the county seat; and

13 WHEREAS, Cotton and corn served as the foundation of the  
14 county's economy until the 1950s; oil was discovered in the Talco  
15 oilfield in 1936, and today the harvesting of timber and the raising  
16 of beef cattle also contribute to the region's prosperity; and

17 WHEREAS, Mount Pleasant has been named as a Texas Main Street  
18 City and one of the 100 Best Small Towns in America; this dynamic  
19 community is home to Northeast Texas Community College and is a  
20 center for poultry processing, health services, coal mining, and  
21 the manufacture of trailers and ranch equipment; and

22 WHEREAS, Residents and visitors alike enjoy the county's fine  
23 opportunities for recreation and cultural enrichment; Lakes Bob  
24 Sandlin, Monticello, and Welsh are favored destinations for

1 boating, camping, and waterskiing and are famed for record catches  
2 of largemouth bass; the Whatley Center on the NTCC campus is home to  
3 many excellent concerts and theatrical productions; and

4       WHEREAS, The natural beauty and rich heritage of Mount  
5 Pleasant contribute greatly to the attractiveness of the Lone Star  
6 State, and the town's hardworking citizens may take great pride in  
7 their history and the bright promise of their future; now,  
8 therefore, be it

9       RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas  
10 hereby recognize March 25, 2009, as Mount Pleasant Day at the State  
11 Capitol and extend to the citizens of this outstanding community  
12 sincere best wishes for good fortune in all their endeavors.