

By: Flynn

H.R. No. 191

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, On January 29, 2009, proud residents of Hunt County  
2 are visiting Austin on the occasion of Hunt County Day at the State  
3 Capitol, presenting a fitting opportunity to celebrate that vibrant  
4 region of the Lone Star State; and

5           WHEREAS, Located in the Blackland Prairie of northeastern  
6 Texas, Hunt County was first inhabited by the Kiowa Indians; Anglo  
7 settlers arrived in 1839, and the county was officially formed from  
8 parts of Fannin and Nacogdoches Counties in 1846; with Greenville  
9 as its seat, the county was named after Memucan Hunt, secretary of  
10 the navy and minister to Washington under the Republic of Texas; and

11           WHEREAS, While the county's early economy depended mainly on  
12 cotton, life changed dramatically after the Civil War; the arrival  
13 of the railroad in the mid-1870s was a catalyst for 11 communities  
14 that sprang up around train depots, and by the early 20th century,  
15 Hunt County was home to the first municipally owned public  
16 utilities in Texas and a number of industries centered around the  
17 cotton trade, such as cotton-spinning mills, cotton compresses, and  
18 a cottonseed-oil refinery; and

19           WHEREAS, Hunt County has continued to grow and today has more  
20 than 82,000 residents; its diverse economy now includes such  
21 industries as aircraft electronics and plastics distribution, and  
22 eight Fortune 500 companies have offices in Greenville; and

23           WHEREAS, The county is well served by two institutions of  
24 higher learning, Texas A&M University--Commerce and the Greenville

1 Center of Paris Junior College, and it is enriched by a number of  
2 recreational and cultural attractions; picturesque Lake Tawakoni  
3 State Park is a destination for boating, swimming, camping, and  
4 hiking, the Mathews Prairie Nature Preserve, a 100-acre tract of  
5 native prairie meadow that has never been plowed, is ideal for  
6 birders and wildflower enthusiasts, and the Audie Murphy/American  
7 Cotton Museum commemorates the importance of cotton to the region  
8 and celebrates the life of Hunt County native Audie Murphy, film  
9 star and the most decorated American soldier of World War II; and

10 WHEREAS, The citizens of Hunt County may take justifiable  
11 pride in their community and know that it has contributed immensely  
12 to the history and vitality of Texas; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
14 Legislature hereby recognize January 29, 2009, as Hunt County Day  
15 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere  
16 best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable stay in Austin.