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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to
2 join the citizens of Waller County in celebrating February 10,
3 2009, as Waller County Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Created by the Texas Legislature in 1873 from
5 sections of Austin and Grimes Counties, Waller County is named for
6 Edwin Waller, a signatory of the Texas Declaration of Independence
7 and the City of Austin's first mayor; and

8 WHEREAS, Waller County's early settlers were members of
9 Stephen F. Austin's original Texas colony; the county played a role
10 in the Texas Revolution, serving as the site of an encampment for
11 the army of General Sam Houston; and

12 WHEREAS, Before the discovery of oil in the 1930s, the
13 economy of Waller County was driven largely by agriculture, with
14 cotton being the foremost crop; a diverse population of African
15 Americans, Italians, Irish, Germans, Poles, and Czechs came to the
16 region in the late 18th century and early 19th century; recently,
17 the county has experienced significant population growth; and

18 WHEREAS, The citizens of Waller County are justly proud of
19 their county's distinguished history and the many contributions its
20 people have made to the growth and progress of our state; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
23 Legislature hereby recognize February 10, 2009, as Waller County
24 Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the citizens

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1 of Waller County who have traveled to the Capitol for this
2 commemoration.