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H.R. No. 291

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Grayson County are gathering in Austin
2 on February 10, 2009, to celebrate Grayson County Day at the State
3 Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, In partnership with Collin and Denton Counties,
5 Grayson County is participating in the first Tri-County Event at
6 the State Capitol, which is being held to demonstrate regional
7 cooperation in the North Texas area; and

8 WHEREAS, Grayson County is named for Peter W. Grayson,
9 attorney general of the Republic of Texas; it was formed on March
10 17, 1846, by the 1st Texas Legislature, which also specified that
11 the county seat be named for Sidney Sherman, a leader at the Battle
12 of San Jacinto; as a result, the town of Sherman holds the
13 distinction of being one of the few Texas communities named by an
14 act of the legislature; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1872, the Houston and Texas Central Railroad
16 built a rail line to Sherman, and the Missouri-Kansas-Texas
17 Railroad reached Denison; these developments brought about a period
18 of rapid growth and a dramatic expansion in the county's
19 population; new settlements emerged, and today towns in the county
20 include Whitesboro, Pottsboro, Bells, Whitewright, Tom Bean, Van
21 Alstyne, Howe, Gunter, Dorchester, Tioga, Collinsville,
22 Gordonville, Sadler, and Southmayd; the economic development that
23 took place in the late 1800s transformed the county into a milling
24 and market center for surrounding areas, and in 1891, the world's

1 largest cottonseed oil mill was established in Sherman; and

2 WHEREAS, In more recent times, the local economy has
3 diversified to include a wide range of industries and other
4 businesses; the county is home to such commercial giants as Tyson,
5 Ruiz Foods, Sunny Delight Beverage Company, MEMC, Emerson Process
6 Management, Folgers Coffee Company, Terex, Cigna, Trailblazer
7 Healthcare Services, Black and Decker Kwikset, Texas Instruments,
8 and Progress Rail Services, a division of Caterpillar; agribusiness
9 also continues to thrive, with wheat, corn, and hay as major crops;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Sherman, once called the Athens of Texas, is home to
12 Austin College, and the county also offers other first-rate
13 educational facilities and resources through its public school
14 system and Grayson County College; and

15 WHEREAS, Outdoor sports enthusiasts come to Grayson County to
16 participate in the many activities offered around Lake Texoma, one
17 of the world's largest reservoirs; in Denison, the birthplace of
18 Dwight D. Eisenhower, visitors and residents alike enjoy the
19 Eisenhower Birthplace State Historical Site as well as Eisenhower
20 State Park; and

21 WHEREAS, Rich in heritage and bountiful in resources, Grayson
22 County is a major contributor to the greatness of this state and a
23 source of tremendous pride for its residents; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
25 Legislature hereby recognize February 10, 2009, as Grayson County
26 Day at the State Capitol and extend best wishes to the members of
27 the visiting delegation on this noteworthy occasion.