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H.R. No. 617

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to
2 join the residents of Tarrant County and the Coalition of Tarrant
3 County Chambers of Commerce in celebrating Tarrant County Day at
4 the State Capitol on February 26, 2009; and

5 WHEREAS, Tarrant County was created in 1849 and named for
6 General Edward H. Tarrant; the third most populous county in Texas,
7 it is home to the international headquarters of such corporate
8 giants as American Airlines, Burlington Northern Santa Fe, Pier 1
9 Imports, and RadioShack; and

10 WHEREAS, Located in North Central Texas on the Grand Prairie
11 and the Blackland Prairie, Tarrant County is a popular area for
12 vacationing; the county boasts some of the Lone Star State's most
13 outstanding cultural attractions, including the Kimbell Art
14 Museum, the Amon G. Carter Museum, the Modern Art Museum of Fort
15 Worth, the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, and the
16 National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame; and

17 WHEREAS, The county is home to two of the leading teams in
18 professional sports: in Arlington the Texas Rangers are
19 headquartered at Rangers Ballpark, a traditional-style baseball
20 stadium at the center of a 270-acre entertainment complex, and
21 starting in 2009, the Dallas Cowboys, "America's Team," will be
22 playing in their new, state-of-the-art, domed stadium; and

23 WHEREAS, Nationally famous for such tourism centers as the
24 Fort Worth Stockyards and Six Flags Over Texas, Tarrant County is

1 often referred to as "Where the West Begins," and the flavor of the
2 Old West is still present today in the county's ranchland, museums,
3 art, and recreational centers; and

4 WHEREAS, Tarrant County is also an important national and
5 international transportation crossroads located at the geographic
6 center of the hemisphere and at the intersection of a number of
7 major highway and rail corridors; moreover, it features such
8 outstanding air transportation facilities as the Dallas-Fort Worth
9 International Airport, Alliance Airport, and Meacham International
10 Airport; and

11 WHEREAS, The economic stability and diversity of the county
12 owe much to the leadership provided by the Coalition of Tarrant
13 County Chambers of Commerce, which represents more than 10,000
14 business organizations and brings together 25 chambers of commerce
15 from throughout Tarrant County; and

16 WHEREAS, Noted for its many contributions to the overall
17 quality of life in Tarrant County, the coalition supports public
18 policy initiatives that meet the needs of employers, employees, and
19 all area residents, and it builds productive partnerships between
20 the business community and local, state, and federal governments to
21 facilitate positive growth in business and workforce development;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, The residents of Tarrant County, along with the
24 members of the area chambers of commerce, deserve credit for
25 maintaining the county's vitality and quality of life and for
26 preserving its frontier spirit in the face of urban growth and
27 industrial development; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
2 Legislature hereby recognize February 26, 2009, as Tarrant County
3 Day at the State Capitol and extend to all those visiting from
4 Tarrant County best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable day.