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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Residents of Montgomery County are gathering in  
2 Austin on April 7, 2009, to celebrate Montgomery County Day at the  
3 State Capitol; and

4           WHEREAS, Situated at the southern edge of the Piney Woods of  
5 East Texas, the region has been inhabited for more than 10,000  
6 years; the hunter-gatherer Atakapan peoples resided there, and the  
7 area was probably visited by the French explorer La Salle; and

8           WHEREAS, The Anglo-American settlers who moved into the  
9 region in the 1820s included Andrew Montgomery, who started a  
10 trading post which eventually became the town of Montgomery, and  
11 the county was established in 1837 by the Congress of the Republic  
12 of Texas; and

13           WHEREAS, Montgomery County is known as the birthplace of the  
14 Lone Star Flag because the flag was designed by county resident Dr.  
15 Charles B. Stewart; it was adopted as the official state flag in  
16 1839; and

17           WHEREAS, The arrival of the railroads in the 1870s and 1880s  
18 sparked a lumber boom that revived the county's agricultural  
19 economy after the Civil War; the city of Conroe began when Houston  
20 lumberman Isaac Conroe established a sawmill on Stewarts Creek in  
21 1881; shortly thereafter he moved his operation to the nearby  
22 junction of two railways and established a post office; in 1889,  
23 Conroe became the county seat, and by 1900, it was the largest town  
24 in the county; Conroe was incorporated in 1904; and

1           WHEREAS, The discovery of oil near the town in 1931 triggered  
2 another boom, drawing wildcatters, financiers, and roughnecks to  
3 the area; for a time, Conroe claimed more millionaires per capita  
4 than any other town in the nation; the Crighton Theatre, a  
5 vaudeville theater built in 1934 at the height of the boom, has been  
6 restored to its former glory and continues to host performances and  
7 events; and

8           WHEREAS, Today, lumber, oil production, and ranching  
9 contribute to Montgomery County's prosperity, while visitors from  
10 across the state are drawn by the county's abundant natural  
11 resources; hikers, bird-watchers, and boaters enjoy the  
12 opportunities for recreation in the Sam Houston National Forest, W.  
13 Goodrich Jones State Forest, and Lake Conroe Park; and

14           WHEREAS, The Woodlands, a master-planned community in  
15 southern Montgomery County, is home to the Cynthia Woods Mitchell  
16 Pavilion, a major concert venue as well as the summer home of the  
17 Houston Symphony; residents and visitors alike enjoy the annual  
18 Conroe Cajun Catfish Festival every October, and the many historic  
19 homes and businesses of Montgomery evoke the colorful past of the  
20 region; and

21           WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich past as they look forward to  
22 a bright future, the residents of Montgomery County may take great  
23 pride in their continuing contributions to the history and heritage  
24 of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

25           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
26 Legislature hereby recognize April 7, 2009, as Montgomery County  
27 Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation

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1 sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable event.