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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Harrison County are gathering to
2 celebrate Harrison County Day at the State Capitol on April 9, 2009;
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4 WHEREAS, Situated among the rolling piney woods of East
5 Texas, Harrison County was first inhabited by the Caddo people, and
6 large numbers of non-Native American settlers began to arrive in
7 the 1830s; the county was established by the Republic of Texas in
8 1839 and named after Texas revolutionary leader Jonas Harrison; and

9 WHEREAS, The city of Marshall, founded in 1841, became the
10 county seat the following year; at the time of the Civil War, it was
11 one of the most populous and prosperous cities in the state, and it
12 produced a large amount of saddles, clothing, gunpowder, and
13 ammunition for the Confederate Army; and

14 WHEREAS, Cotton was the basis for the county's economy for
15 many years and continued to be important well into the 20th century;
16 in addition, the red and white clay soils of the region are
17 excellent for stoneware, and the county is home to numerous pottery
18 companies, including Marshall Pottery, which was established in
19 1896 and remains one of the largest manufacturers of red clay pots
20 in the nation; the area's diverse economy is further enhanced by the
21 lumber industry, oil and gas production, manufacturing, and
22 ranching and farming; and

23 WHEREAS, Outdoor enthusiasts take advantage of the fine
24 opportunities for camping, hiking, fishing, and boating at Caddo

1 Lake State Park, home of the only natural lake in Texas; the
2 county's past is evoked at the Starr Family Home State Historic
3 Site, while the picturesque Ginocchio National Historic District in
4 Marshall preserves several fine examples of early Texas
5 architecture; and

6 WHEREAS, The educational needs of Harrison County are met by
7 such fine institutions as Wiley College, East Texas Baptist
8 University, and Texas State Technical College; those schools'
9 cultural offerings are supplemented by the Michelson Museum of Art,
10 which features work by several important early 20th century
11 artists; and

12 WHEREAS, Residents and visitors alike enjoy the county's
13 colorful annual festivals, including Stagecoach Days in May and the
14 FireAnt Festival and Western Days in October; the yearly Wonderland
15 of Lights, held in Marshall during the holiday season, has drawn
16 visitors from all 50 states and around the world; and

17 WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich heritage as they work toward
18 a bright tomorrow, the citizens of Harrison County may indeed take
19 great pride in their unique contribution to the history and culture
20 of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
22 Legislature hereby recognize April 9, 2009, as Harrison County Day
23 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
24 best wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.