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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Proud residents of Williamson County are gathering  
2 in Austin on April 28, 2009, to celebrate Williamson County Day at  
3 the State Capitol; and

4           WHEREAS, Among the fastest-growing counties in the nation,  
5 Williamson County is also home to five of the fastest-growing  
6 cities, including Hutto, the population of which has increased by  
7 1,270 percent since 2000; and

8           WHEREAS, The county's rapidly expanding health care  
9 resources include five new or expanded hospitals as well as the new  
10 Texas A&M Health Science Center; the Texas Life-Sciences  
11 Collaboration Center in Georgetown is a vital resource for the  
12 recruitment of emerging biotech, nanotech, and medical device  
13 companies and is a boon for science classes in the area's public  
14 schools and universities; and

15           WHEREAS, A center for higher education, Williamson County  
16 boasts the campuses of historic Southwestern University, Texas  
17 State University-Round Rock Higher Education Center, Austin  
18 Community College, and the East Williamson County Higher Education  
19 Center, all of which are growing to meet new demand; and

20           WHEREAS, Taylor is home to the Electric Reliability Council  
21 of Texas, which manages the majority of the Lone Star State's  
22 electrical grid; the city is also the home of several leading  
23 companies focusing on the creation of clean, renewable energy; and

24           WHEREAS, Leander is preparing for the future with its planned

1 Transit Oriented Development and its active participation in the  
2 completion of the new Capital Metro commuter rail system;  
3 throughout the county, the transportation infrastructure is being  
4 increased to accommodate growth and ensure the safety of residents  
5 and visitors; and

6 WHEREAS, Round Rock, Cedar Park, and Georgetown have been  
7 listed among the best places to live, ride out the recession, launch  
8 a new business, and retire in America, and the county as a whole is  
9 among the safest places to live in America, with one of the lowest  
10 crime rates in the nation; and

11 WHEREAS, Williamson County honors its fallen heroes in  
12 Afghanistan and Iraq with the Nathan Chapman Memorial and with  
13 generous scholarships and other assistance for the families of  
14 these brave servicemen and servicewomen; additionally, the county  
15 and its communities have adopted the Aviation Battalion of the U.S.  
16 Army 4th Infantry Division and actively support its soldiers and  
17 their families; and

18 WHEREAS, Widely known for the hospitality, concern for  
19 others, goodwill, and civic engagement of its citizens, Williamson  
20 County is celebrated for its exceptional quality of life and the  
21 "can do" spirit of its people, pointing the way to a bright and  
22 exciting future; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
24 Legislature hereby recognize April 28, 2009, as Williamson County  
25 Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation  
26 sincere best wishes for a memorable and meaningful day in Austin.