

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 46

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize February 10, 2009, as Collin County Day at the State Capitol; and

**WHEREAS**, Collin County is a place of natural beauty and rural charm in the heart of North Texas, providing a superb quality of life for its citizens, a welcoming environment for business, a knowledgeable and skilled workforce, and first-rate recreational opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, Collin County was formed in 1846; the county and its seat of government were named for one of its first settlers, Collin McKinney, who helped draft the Texas Declaration of Independence; and

**WHEREAS**, The population of Collin County surged with the arrival of the railroad in 1872; today, with a population of nearly 750,000 people, the county is the sixth most populous county in the state, and it continues to grow, with an average of 94 people arriving each day; and

**WHEREAS**, Industry in Collin County is flourishing; county leaders work closely with economic development groups to provide a variety of incentives to businesses, and they work continuously to maintain and expand infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, Collin County schools were recently recognized in a nationwide study of public school districts by *Forbes* magazine; residents are proud of their high school athletic programs, which last year saw four teams, Prosper, Allen, Celina, and Wylie,

competing in state playoffs; the Prosper High School Eagles captured the 2008 3A High School Football Championship and the Allen High School Eagles won the 5A Football Championship; and

**WHEREAS**, Collin County Day at the State Capitol provides an opportunity to celebrate the county's rich past and its dynamic future and to recognize its many contributions to the growth of this state; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby designate February 10, 2009, as Collin County Day and extend to the representatives of this important region a hearty welcome to the State Capitol; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for them as a token of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Shapiro, Estes

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 10, 2009.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate

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