

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 139

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the citizens of Waller County in celebrating February 10, 2009, as Waller County Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Created by the Texas Legislature in 1873 from sections of Austin and Grimes Counties, Waller County is named for Edwin Waller, a signatory of the Texas Declaration of Independence and the City of Austin's first mayor; and

WHEREAS, Waller County's early settlers were members of Stephen F. Austin's original Texas colony; the county played a role in the Texas Revolution, serving as the site of an encampment for the army of General Sam Houston; and

WHEREAS, Prior to the discovery of oil in the 1930s, the economy of Waller County was driven largely by agriculture, with cotton being the foremost crop; a diverse population of African Americans, Italians, Irish, Germans, Poles, and Czechs came to the region in the late 18th century and early 19th century; recently, the county has experienced significant population growth; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of Waller County are rightly proud of its distinguished history and the many contributions its people have made to the growth and progress of our state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby extend a warm welcome to the citizens of Waller County who have traveled to the Capitol for this commemoration and recognize February 10, 2009, as Waller County Day at the State Capitol; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the people of Waller County as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 9, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate