

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 253

WHEREAS, Citizens from Nacogdoches County and members of the Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce and of the Leadership Nacogdoches Class of 2009 are celebrating Nacogdoches County Days at the State Capitol on February 18 and 19, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Known for its rich and varied history, Nacogdoches County is one of the original counties of the Republic of Texas; the region was occupied by Caddo Indians and Spanish missionaries before the arrival of Anglo-Americans in the 1820s; and

WHEREAS, The county seat, Nacogdoches, is the oldest city in Texas and received its official designation from the Mexican government in 1779; it was home to the state's first newspaper, *Gaceta de Tejas*, and today, the city maintains such significant historic landmarks as the Old Stone Fort, which figured prominently in the quest for Texas' independence; and

WHEREAS, Located in the Piney Woods of East Texas, known also as "Texas Forest Country," Nacogdoches County boasts a fertile forestland, which provides residents with a thriving timber business and a prosperous agribusiness; and

WHEREAS, With its natural beauty and charm, Nacogdoches County also lends itself to numerous recreational activities and outdoor events; the Sam Rayburn Reservoir and Angelina National Forest are both popular sites for camping, hiking, and fishing, and the annual Texas Blueberry Festival celebrates the county's thriving blueberry industry; the county is also one of the first three Certified Retirement Communities in Texas; and

WHEREAS, Higher education is an important part of daily life for residents of the City of Nacogdoches, as it is the home of Stephen F. Austin State University, a respected institution that supports the local economy and infuses the city with a youthful energy and spirit; and

WHEREAS, Nacogdoches County has played an important role in the history of Texas, and it is appropriate to pay tribute to its residents for their many contributions to the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby recognize February 18 and 19, 2009, as Nacogdoches County Days at the State Capitol; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this event.

Nichols

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 18, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate