

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 320

WHEREAS, Citizens from Shelby County, including members of the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce, are celebrating Shelby County Days at the State Capitol on February 25 and 26, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Originally organized by the Mexican government as the Tenenaw Municipality, this lovely region was reorganized as Shelby County by the Congress of the Republic of Texas in 1836 and was named for Isaac Shelby, a United States Revolutionary War soldier from Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Nestled deep in the Piney Woods of East Texas, Shelby County is rich in natural resources, and the area's economy is boosted by timber, cattle, and poultry production; although agriculture has served as the foundation of the county's economy, the economy was enhanced by the manufacturing that began in 1850; and

WHEREAS, Center, the county seat and the county's largest town, is home to the Shelby County Museum, Shelby Junior College, and the Shelby County Courthouse, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as the only Irish-castle-style courthouse in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Shelby County's landscape is rich with hills and timber and is an ideal area for hunting, fishing, and camping; the county was certified by Texas Commissioner of Agriculture Todd Staples as a Go Texan Certified Retirement Community in 2008; and

WHEREAS, This unique and vibrant county continues to be one of the Lone Star State's most treasured regions, and it is a pleasure to pay tribute to the residents of Shelby County and express appreciation for their contributions to our fair state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby recognize February 25 and 26, 2009, as Shelby County Days at the State Capitol and extend to the delegation here today sincere best wishes for an enjoyable visit; and, be it further

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

Nichols

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on March 2, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate