

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 463

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to welcome the delegation from Jackson County, whose members have come to Austin to celebrate Jackson County Day at the State Capitol on March 24, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Jackson County was one of the original counties of the Republic of Texas; it was formed in 1836 and named for President Andrew Jackson; Edna is the largest town, county seat, and gateway to Lake Texana, the 11,000-acre lake that now covers the site of Texana, an early military post, port of entry, and trading center and the previous county seat; and

WHEREAS, The Jackson County area was inhabited by Karankawa Indians when Spanish explorers first discovered the area in the 16th century; it was later inhabited by Tonkawas and Lipan Apaches, and it was settled by six of Stephen F. Austin's Old Three Hundred families; and

WHEREAS, Comprising 844 square miles in the Coastal Prairies region southwest of Houston, Jackson County is a prosperous agricultural area, and its industries include petroleum and natural gas production, oilfield service industries, metal fabrication, and plastics manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, Lake Texana and the Lake Texana State Park are ideal for freshwater recreation, fishing, hiking, bird watching, and camping; visitors and residents alike enjoy the Brackenridge Plantation campground, the Texana Museum, and the area's many historical sites; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby pay tribute to Jackson County and extend best wishes to its citizens for a wonderful visit to the State Capitol on Jackson County Day; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the residents of Jackson County as a token 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 March 18, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate