

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 490

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Wichita County and Texans across the state in celebrating March 24, 2009, as Wichita County Legislative Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Named for the Wichita Indians who once inhabited the area, Wichita County was created in 1858 by the Texas Legislature from the Cooke Land District; sparsely populated for many years, the county was officially organized and elected its first officials in 1882; and

WHEREAS, The arrival of the railroad later that year, and the later addition of other rail lines, established the county seat of Wichita Falls as a regional transportation and distribution center; and

WHEREAS, Soon after the turn of the century, the discovery of oil in the Electra field and the Burkburnett field played an important and lasting role in the development of the area; by 1940, Wichita County was the state's most productive and active oil-producing county, having produced 320 million barrels of oil; and

WHEREAS, Today, Wichita County boasts a diversified manufacturing and commercial economy, with Sheppard Air Force Base providing a military presence; Lake Arrowhead State Recreation Area and other area lakes offer many recreational opportunities, and a major 100-mile bicycle race draws thousands of contestants and spectators each year; and

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

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend the citizens of Wichita County on their many achievements and extend to them best wishes for a memorable Wichita County Legislative Day at the State Capitol; and, be it further

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

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on March 20, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate