

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 598

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the citizens of Williamson County who have come to the Capitol in celebration of Williamson County Day on April 28, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Williamson County is among the fastest-growing counties in the nation, with five of the fastest-growing cities in the country, including Hutto, which has grown by 1,270 percent since 2000; and

WHEREAS, Williamson County is home to one of the fastest-growing health care clusters in America, with five new or expanded hospitals and the new Texas A&M Health Science Center; and

WHEREAS, Williamson County is a center for higher learning, with historic Southwestern University, Texas State University's Round Rock campus, Austin Community College, and the East Williamson County Higher Education Center, all of which have plans for major expansion in the near future; and

WHEREAS, Williamson County is home to the Electric Reliability Council of Texas in Taylor, which manages the majority of the state's electrical grid, and is home to leading-edge companies focused on the creation of clean, renewable energy for the future; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Life-Sciences Collaboration Center in Georgetown is a growing and vital resource for the recruitment of emerging biotechnology, nanotechnology, and medical device companies and for the enhancement of scientific education in area public schools and universities; and

WHEREAS, The transportation infrastructure of Williamson County continues to be expanded to accommodate the area's growth and to ensure the safety of its residents and visitors; Leander leads Central Texas with its planned Transportation Oriented Development and active engagement in the completion of Capital Metro's new commuter rail system; and

WHEREAS, Williamson County is among the safest places in the nation, with one of the lowest crime rates anywhere, and Round Rock, Cedar Park, and Georgetown have been listed among the best places to live, ride out the recession, launch a new business, and retire in America; and

WHEREAS, Williamson County honors its fallen heroes in Afghanistan and Iraq with the Nathan Chapman Memorial and with generous support for scholarships and other assistance to the families of these honored dead; and

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WHEREAS, Williamson County and its communities have adopted and actively support the Aviation Battalion of the 4th Infantry Division, its soldiers and their families, and looks forward to welcoming these brave soldiers home soon; and

WHEREAS, Williamson County is widely known for its exceptional quality of life and for the hospitality, good will, and civic engagement of its citizens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby declare April 28, 2009, Williamson County Day; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the delegation from Williamson County as a memento 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 April 28, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate