

By: Pitts

H.R. No. 496

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Proud residents of Hill County are gathering in  
2 Austin to celebrate Hill County Day at the State Capitol on February  
3 23, 2011; and

4           WHEREAS, This scenic region of prairie and gently rolling  
5 hills east of the Brazos River was first inhabited 700 years ago; in  
6 the early 1700s, hunting camps were established by the Wichita  
7 people, and in the 1820s and 1830s, Indians of the Comanche and  
8 Taovaya tribes moved through the area; and

9           WHEREAS, Hill County was established by the state legislature  
10 on February 7, 1853, and named for Dr. George Washington Hill, the  
11 secretary of war for the Republic of Texas under President Sam  
12 Houston; Hillsboro was founded in 1853 as the county seat; and

13           WHEREAS, Cattle and cotton quickly became the mainstays of  
14 the economy, and by the early 1900s, the area was known as the  
15 second-largest cotton-producing county in the nation; and

16           WHEREAS, Hill County has grown with the changing times while  
17 still maintaining its charm and friendliness; the county  
18 courthouse, which was nearly destroyed by fire in 1993, was  
19 restored to its 1890s grandeur and continues to function as the hub  
20 for all county business; Hill College provides for the educational  
21 needs of local citizens and further serves the region with its  
22 Performing Arts Series; the campus also houses the Texas Heritage  
23 Museum, including an extensive collection of Audie Murphy artifacts  
24 and a 10,000-volume library on the Civil War; and

1           WHEREAS, Recreational opportunities for the county's  
2 residents and visitors are provided by Lake Whitney State Park, a  
3 prime destination for camping, hiking, boating, and bird-watching,  
4 with over 194 species of birds spotted so far; additionally, the  
5 Hill County community of Abbott, the birthplace of legendary singer  
6 and songwriter Willie Nelson, is of interest to music fans; and

7           WHEREAS, Each year the communities of Hill County host a  
8 number of gala events such as the Hill County Fair and the Go  
9 Texan/Cotton Pickin' Fair in Hillsboro, Pioneer Days in Whitney,  
10 and the Hubbard Trade Days, all of which showcase the county's  
11 hospitality, agricultural heritage, and scenic beauty; and

12           WHEREAS, The residents of Hill County are justifiably proud  
13 of their heritage and the many qualities that make their county an  
14 outstanding place in which to live, work, and raise a family, and it  
15 is most fitting that Hill County be honored on this special day;  
16 now, therefore, be it

17           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
18 Legislature hereby recognize February 23, 2011, as Hill County Day  
19 at the State Capitol and extend to its citizens sincere best wishes  
20 for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.