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H.R. No. 940

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Citizens from Titus County are gathering in Austin  
2 on March 31, 2011, to celebrate Titus County Day at the State  
3 Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Set among the rolling timberlands of Northeast  
5 Texas, Titus County comprises 412 square miles and includes much  
6 prime farmland; the county has a population of more than 32,000,  
7 with the county seat and largest city, Mount Pleasant, representing  
8 a little less than half that total; and

9 WHEREAS, Anglo settlers first moved into the area in the  
10 1840s, and in 1846 the county was officially established by the  
11 state legislature; named for Red River area pioneer Andrew Jackson  
12 Titus, it developed an agricultural economy, with corn and cotton  
13 the major food and cash crops; and

14 WHEREAS, After taking on its present boundaries in 1875, the  
15 county remained mostly rural until the 1930s, when oil was  
16 discovered near Talco, and people increasingly moved to towns; at  
17 the same time, agricultural production began to shift from staple  
18 crop farming to livestock ranching; and

19 WHEREAS, Today, the communities of Titus County are centers  
20 for health services, food processing, mining, and the manufacturing  
21 of trailer equipment, and timber harvesting is also important;  
22 Mount Pleasant, known as the hub of Northeast Texas, has been named  
23 a Texas Main Street City and one of the 100 Best Small Towns in  
24 America; and

1           WHEREAS, The county's four largest lakes offer 17,000 acres  
2 of water sports and activities, and Lake Bob Sandlin State Park  
3 features hike and bike trails and campgrounds; largemouth bass are  
4 plentiful and fishing is a popular pastime among residents and  
5 visitors alike; the county's cultural venues include the Whatley  
6 Center for the Performing Arts at Northeast Texas Community  
7 College; and

8           WHEREAS, Preserving the best of their heritage while looking  
9 forward to the opportunities that lie ahead, the citizens of Titus  
10 County are to be commended for their industrious spirit and for  
11 their continuing contributions to the vitality of the Lone Star  
12 State; now, therefore, be it

13           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
14 Legislature hereby recognize March 31, 2011, as Titus County Day at  
15 the State Capitol and extend sincere best wishes to the visiting  
16 delegation for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.