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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Montgomery County are gathering in
2 Austin on March 30, 2011, to celebrate Montgomery County Day at the
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated at the southern edge of the Piney Woods of
5 East Texas, the region has been inhabited for more than 10,000
6 years; the hunter-gatherer Atakapan peoples resided there, and the
7 area was probably visited by the French explorer La Salle; and

8 WHEREAS, The Anglo-American settlers who moved into the
9 region in the 1820s included Andrew Montgomery, who started a
10 trading post that eventually became the town of Montgomery, and the
11 county was established in 1837 by the Congress of the Republic of
12 Texas; and

13 WHEREAS, Montgomery County is known as the birthplace of the
14 Lone Star Flag because the flag was designed by county resident Dr.
15 Charles B. Stewart; it was adopted as the official state flag in
16 1839; and

17 WHEREAS, The arrival of the railroads in the 1870s and 1880s
18 sparked a lumber boom that revived the county's agricultural
19 economy after the Civil War; the city of Conroe began when Houston
20 lumberman Isaac Conroe established a sawmill on Stewarts Creek in
21 1881; shortly thereafter he moved his operation to the nearby
22 junction of two railways and established a post office; in 1889,
23 Conroe became the county seat, and by 1900, it was the largest town
24 in the county; Conroe was incorporated in 1904; and

1 WHEREAS, The discovery of oil near the town in 1931 triggered
2 another boom, drawing wildcatters, financiers, and roughnecks to
3 the area; for a time, Conroe claimed more millionaires per capita
4 than any other town in the nation; the Crighton Theatre, a
5 vaudeville theater built in 1934 at the height of the boom, has been
6 restored to its former glory and continues to host performances and
7 events; and

8 WHEREAS, Today, lumber, oil production, and ranching
9 contribute to Montgomery County's prosperity, while visitors from
10 across the state are drawn by the county's abundant natural
11 resources; hikers, bird-watchers, and boaters enjoy the
12 opportunities for recreation in the Sam Houston National Forest, W.
13 Goodrich Jones State Forest, and Lake Conroe Park; and

14 WHEREAS, The Woodlands, a master-planned community in
15 southern Montgomery County, is home to the Cynthia Woods Mitchell
16 Pavilion, a major concert venue as well as the summer home of the
17 Houston Symphony; residents and visitors alike enjoy the annual
18 Conroe Cajun Catfish Festival every October, and the many historic
19 homes and businesses of Montgomery evoke the colorful past of the
20 region; and

21 WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich past as they look forward to
22 a bright future, the residents of Montgomery County may take great
23 pride in their continuing contributions to the history and heritage
24 of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
26 Legislature hereby recognize March 30, 2011, as Montgomery County
27 Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation

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1 sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable event.