

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 435**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the residents of Collin County in proclaiming March 8, 2011, as Collin County Day at the Capitol; and

**WHEREAS**, Organized in 1846 and carved from Fannin County, Collin County was named for the pioneer settler Collin McKinney, a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence; the county is located in Northeast Texas and was originally Caddo Indian country; the city of McKinney is the county seat; and

**WHEREAS**, Known for its rich, black clay soil, Collin County has been a source of timber for the state and is a major agricultural area that maintains deep ties to its ranching and farming heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, Over the years, industrial development and population growth in the county have been managed with care in order to preserve natural habitats and historical sites; citizens in the area are in touch with the county's roots through the Collin County Historical Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Today, Collin County is the fastest-growing county in Texas and the sixth most populous county in Texas; since the 2000 census was taken, the county has had a population increase of 59 percent, and it now has more than 782,000 residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Collin County maintains an excellent public education system, and its employers have a highly educated labor pool; the county offers attractive scenery and excellent recreational

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opportunities; Collin County Day is an excellent opportunity for the Texas Senate to recognize the important contributions that this county and its residents have made to this state and to join them in celebrating the county's rich history and its many assets; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend the people of Collin County for preserving their county's many amenities in the face of its rapid growth and extend to them best wishes for an enjoyable Collin County Day at the Capitol; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of the residents of Collin County.

Shapiro, Estes

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 8, 2011.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate

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