

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 575**

**WHEREAS**, Residents of Montgomery County are celebrating the contributions of their county to our state with a trip to the State Capitol on March 30, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, Located in the East Texas Timberlands region, Montgomery County was the third county formed under the Republic of Texas; artifacts from the Paleo-Indian and Archaic cultures have been found in the area, suggesting a human presence more than 10,000 years ago; and

**WHEREAS**, Among the region's earliest Anglo-American settlers was Andrew Montgomery, who established a trading post at a site that became one of the county's first settlements and eventually became the town of Montgomery; the Republic of Texas Congress officially established Montgomery County in 1837; and

**WHEREAS**, The construction of the railroads toward the end of the 19th century led to a significant economic transformation in the region, and in 1932, oil was discovered southeast of Conroe; and

**WHEREAS**, Today, the county's industries still include oil and lumber, but its abundant lakes and its forest land also make it an attractive destination for many; opportunities for hunting, boating, fishing, and hiking abound in the Sam Houston National Forest, the W. Goodrich Jones State Forest, Lake Conroe, Spring Creek, and Lake Woodlands; and

**WHEREAS**, Many charming towns dot the landscape of Montgomery County, including the county seat, Conroe; the region's first settlement, Montgomery; the cities of Porter, Oak Ridge, and Shenandoah, which provide comfortable residential neighborhoods for some of the county's population; and the township of Willis, which originally thrived with a successful tobacco industry and now has a profitable timber and farming economy; and

**WHEREAS**, The Woodlands, a master-planned community where its residents live, work, play, and learn, is located in southern Montgomery County and is home to The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, which in the year 2010 ranked third out of the top 100 amphitheaters in the world based on attendance; the community also features a 1.4-mile-long waterway which serves as a transportation corridor linking offices, retail stores, and dining and entertainment venues; and

**WHEREAS**, The town of Cut and Shoot earned its unique name after a 1912 community dispute over the design of a new steeple for the town's only church and land claims among church members; when the issue reached a boiling point, a young boy near the church reportedly yelled, "I'm going to cut around the corner and shoot through the bushes," which stuck in the minds of residents, who soon adopted the name Cut and Shoot; and

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**WHEREAS,** The residents of Montgomery County may take justifiable pride in their region's rich heritage, and it is a pleasure to honor them as they look forward to a bright and promising future; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby recognize March 30, 2011, as Montgomery County Day at the State Capitol and extend to the county's citizens here today sincere best wishes for an enjoyable visit to Austin; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this event.

Williams, Nichols

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 30, 2011.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate

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