

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 682**

**WHEREAS**, Citizens from Shelby County, including members of the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce, are celebrating Shelby County Day at the State Capitol on March 31, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, Originally organized by the Mexican government as the Tenehaw Municipality, this lovely region was reorganized as Shelby County by the Congress of the Republic of Texas in 1836 and was named for Isaac Shelby, a United States Revolutionary War soldier from Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, Nestled deep in the Piney Woods of East Texas, Shelby County is rich in natural resources, and the area's economy is boosted by the Haynesville Shale, timber, cattle, and poultry production; although agriculture has served as the foundation of the county's economy, the economy was enhanced by the manufacturing that began in 1850; and

**WHEREAS**, Center, the county seat and the county's largest town, is home to the Shelby County Museum, Shelby Junior College, and the Shelby County Courthouse, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as the only Irish-castle-style courthouse in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Shelby County's landscape is rich with hills and timber and is an ideal area for hunting, fishing, and camping; the county was certified by Texas Commissioner of Agriculture Todd Staples as a Go Texan Certified Retirement Community in 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, This unique and vibrant county continues to be one of the Lone Star State's most treasured regions, and it is a pleasure to pay tribute to the residents of Shelby County and

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express appreciation for their contributions to our fair state;  
now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd  
Legislature, hereby recognize March 31, 2011, as Shelby County  
Day at the State Capitol and extend to the delegation here today  
sincere best wishes for an enjoyable visit; and, be it further

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

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the  
above Resolution was adopted by  
the Senate on March 31, 2011.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate