

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 689

WHEREAS, Williamson County is among the fastest-growing counties in the nation, with five of the fastest-growing cities in the country; and

WHEREAS, Williamson County is home to one of the fastest-growing health care clusters in America, with five new or expanded hospitals and the new Texas A&M Health Science Center; and

WHEREAS, Williamson County is a center for higher learning, with historic Southwestern University, Texas State University-Round Rock, Austin Community College, and the East Williamson County Higher Education Center; and

WHEREAS, Williamson County is home to the Electric Reliability Council of Texas Operations Center in Taylor, which manages the majority of the state's electrical grid; numerous leading-edge companies focused on the creation of clean, renewable energy for the future are also located in the county; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Life-Sciences Collaboration Center in Georgetown is a growing and vital resource for the recruitment of emerging bio-technology, nano-technology, and medical device companies and for the furtherance of scientific education in area public schools and universities; and

WHEREAS, The transportation infrastructure of Williamson County continues to be expanded to accommodate the area's growth and to ensure the safety of its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Leander, with its Transportation Oriented Development, is the northern terminus of the Capital Metro Commuter Rail Line, providing local residents with a cost-effective, environmentally friendly transportation alternative; and

WHEREAS, Williamson County is among the safest places in the nation, with one of the lowest crime rates anywhere; and

WHEREAS, Round Rock, Cedar Park, and Georgetown have been listed among the best places to live, ride out the recession, launch a new business, and retire in America; and

WHEREAS, Williamson County is the proud home of the Round Rock Express, Triple A affiliate of the American League Champion Texas Rangers, and the home of owner and baseball legend Nolan Ryan; and

WHEREAS, Williamson County continues to provide active support of our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan and their families through the Adopt-a-Unit Program; and

WHEREAS, Williamson County is widely known for its hospitality, good will, civic engagement, caring and support for neighbors in need, and exceptional quality of life; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby acknowledge the many fine attributes of Williamson County and recognize April 13, 2011, as Williamson County Day; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the citizens of Williamson County as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 13, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate