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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Hill County are gathering in
2 Austin to celebrate Hill County Day at the State Capitol on February
3 27, 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, This scenic region of prairie and gently rolling
5 hills east of the Brazos River was first inhabited 700 years ago; in
6 the early 1700s, hunting camps had been set up by the Wichita
7 people, and in the 1820s and 1830s, Indians of the Comanche and
8 Taovaya tribes moved through the area; and

9 WHEREAS, Hill County was established by the state legislature
10 on February 7, 1853, and named for Dr. George Washington Hill, the
11 secretary of war for the Republic of Texas under President Sam
12 Houston; Hillsboro was founded in 1853 as the county seat; and

13 WHEREAS, Cattle and cotton quickly became the mainstays of
14 the economy, and by the early 1900s, the area was known as the
15 second-largest cotton-producing county in the nation; and

16 WHEREAS, Hill County has grown with the changing times while
17 still maintaining its charm and friendliness; the county
18 courthouse, which was nearly destroyed by fire in 1993, was
19 restored to its 1890s grandeur and continues to function as the hub
20 for all county business; Hill College provides for the educational
21 needs of local citizens and further serves the region with its
22 Performing Arts Series; the campus also houses the Texas Heritage
23 Museum, including an extensive collection of Audie Murphy artifacts
24 and a 10,000-volume library on the Civil War; and

1 WHEREAS, Recreational opportunities for the county's
2 residents and visitors are provided by Lake Whitney State Park, a
3 prime destination for camping, hiking, boating, and bird-watching,
4 with over 194 species of birds spotted so far; additionally, the
5 Hill County community of Abbott, the birthplace of legendary singer
6 and songwriter Willie Nelson, is of special interest to music fans;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Each year the communities of Hill County host a
9 number of gala events such as the Hill County Fair and the Cotton
10 Pickin' Fair in Hillsboro, Pioneer Days in Whitney, and the Hubbard
11 Trade Days, all of which showcase the county's hospitality,
12 agricultural heritage, and scenic beauty; and

13 WHEREAS, The residents of Hill County are justifiably proud
14 of their heritage and the many qualities that make their county an
15 outstanding place in which to live, work, and raise a family, and it
16 is most fitting that Hill County be honored on this special day;
17 now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
19 Legislature hereby recognize February 27, 2013, as Hill County Day
20 at the State Capitol and extend to its citizens sincere best wishes
21 for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.