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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Harrison County are gathering to  
2 celebrate Harrison County Day at the State Capitol on March 21,  
3 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated among the rolling piney woods of East  
5 Texas, Harrison County was first inhabited by the Caddo people, and  
6 large numbers of non-Native American settlers began to arrive in  
7 the 1830s; the county was established by the Republic of Texas in  
8 1839 and named after Texas revolutionary leader Jonas Harrison; and

9 WHEREAS, The city of Marshall, founded in 1841, became the  
10 county seat the following year; at the time of the Civil War, it was  
11 one of the most populous and prosperous cities in the state, and it  
12 produced a large amount of saddles, clothing, gunpowder, and  
13 ammunition for the Confederate Army; and

14 WHEREAS, Cotton was the basis for the county's economy for  
15 many years and continued to be important well into the 20th century;  
16 in addition, the red and white clay soils of the region are  
17 excellent for stoneware, and the county is home to numerous pottery  
18 companies, including Marshall Pottery, which was established in  
19 1896 and remains one of the largest manufacturers of red clay pots  
20 in the nation; the area's diverse economy is further enhanced by the  
21 lumber industry, oil and gas production, manufacturing, and  
22 ranching and farming; and

23 WHEREAS, Outdoor enthusiasts may take advantage of the fine  
24 opportunities for camping, hiking, fishing, and boating at Caddo

1 Lake State Park, home of the only natural lake in Texas, while those  
2 interested in the county's past can appreciate the revitalized  
3 downtown Marshall, which benefited from the Main Street Program and  
4 other initiatives of the Texas Historical Commission; the 1901  
5 County Courthouse and the Texas and Pacific Railway Museum and  
6 Depot have been restored, and the nearby Ginocchio National  
7 Historic District preserves several other fine examples of early  
8 Texas architecture; additionally, the Starr Family Home State  
9 Historic Site showcases a family that was a major contributor to the  
10 growth of the railroad and cotton industries and the settling of the  
11 frontier of Texas in the late 1800s; and

12 WHEREAS, The educational needs of Harrison County are met by  
13 such fine institutions as Wiley College, East Texas Baptist  
14 University, and Texas State Technical College; those schools'  
15 cultural offerings are supplemented by the Michelson Museum of Art,  
16 which features work by several important early 20th century  
17 artists; and

18 WHEREAS, Residents and visitors alike enjoy the county's  
19 colorful annual festivals, including the FireAnt Festival and  
20 Western Days in October and the yearly Wonderland of Lights, which  
21 is held in Marshall during the holiday season and draws visitors  
22 from all 50 states and around the world; and

23 WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich heritage as they work toward  
24 a bright tomorrow, the citizens of Harrison County may indeed take  
25 great pride in their unique contribution to the history and culture  
26 of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas

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1 Legislature hereby recognize March 21, 2013, as Harrison County Day  
2 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere  
3 best wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.