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H.R. No. 940

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of the State of Texas
2 is pleased to recognize the citizens of Wharton County who have come
3 to Austin to celebrate Wharton County Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Wharton County was founded in April of 1846 and
5 named for two Texas heroes, brothers William Harris Wharton and
6 John Austin Wharton; and

7 WHEREAS, Wharton County is located on the Coastal Plain of
8 southeast Texas on United States Highway 59 southwest of Houston;
9 the county is bounded by Matagorda, Colorado, and Jackson Counties
10 and by the San Bernard River, which forms its northeastern border
11 and marks the county line with Fort Bend County; and

12 WHEREAS, Wharton County has approximately 41,280 residents
13 and encompasses 1,086 square miles of land, which is divided
14 primarily between prairie and timberland; the Colorado River, which
15 traverses the county from northwest to southeast, divides it
16 roughly in half and flows through Wharton and Glen Flora; and

17 WHEREAS, Prospective landowners first came to the plains of
18 the Colorado River in 1822, led by Stephen F. Austin under contract
19 with the Mexican government; the Mexican Imperial Colonization Law
20 of 1823 granted 177 acres to the heads of families for farming and
21 4,428 acres for raising cattle; and

22 WHEREAS, During the time of the Republic of Texas, the area
23 was divided into three counties, Matagorda, Jackson, and Colorado,
24 and the area consisted of isolated plantation homes and two growing

1 towns, Preston and Egypt; and

2 WHEREAS, After Texas entered the United States in 1845,
3 Wharton County was formed of parts of the three existing counties
4 near the intersection of the mail routes from Matagorda to Columbus
5 and from Houston to Victoria; and

6 WHEREAS, The advent of railroads and irrigation brought
7 increased settlement to the area, which remains a center of
8 agricultural, educational, industrial, and medical services for a
9 large region; and

10 WHEREAS, Wharton County's largest cities and townships are El
11 Campo, Wharton, East Bernard, Boling, and Louise; and

12 WHEREAS, Wharton, the county seat, is known for its
13 small-town way of life and its Czech, Danish, and Mexican heritage;
14 it offers exceptional hunting and outdoor activities, proximity to
15 both Houston and the Gulf Coast, and outstanding festivals; it is
16 also noted for its excellent schools and championship football
17 teams; and

18 WHEREAS, Residents of Wharton County can take pride in their
19 rich history and heritage as they look forward to a promising
20 future; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
22 Legislature hereby welcome citizens of Wharton County to Austin and
23 extend best wishes to them for a productive and enjoyable Wharton
24 County Day at the State Capitol; and, be it further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
26 prepared for them as an expression of high regard by the Texas House
27 of Representatives.