

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 211

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the citizens of Waller County who are gathering in Austin to celebrate Waller County Day at the State Capitol on February 27, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, Created by the Texas Legislature in 1873 from sections of Austin and Grimes Counties, Waller County is named for Edwin Waller, a signatory of the Texas Declaration of Independence and the City of Austin's first mayor; and

**WHEREAS**, Waller County's early settlers were members of Stephen F. Austin's original Texas colony, and the county served as the site of an encampment for the army of General Sam Houston in the Texas Revolution; and

**WHEREAS**, Before the discovery of oil in the 1930s, the economy of Waller County was driven largely by agriculture, with cotton being the foremost crop; a diverse population of African Americans, Italians, Irish, Germans, Poles, and Czechs came to the region in the late 18th century and early 19th century; and

**WHEREAS**, The citizens of Waller County are justly proud of their county's distinguished history and the many contributions its people have made to the growth and progress of our state; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby recognize February 27, 2013, as Waller County Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the citizens of Waller County who have traveled to the Capitol for this commemoration; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the Waller County delegation in honor of this special day.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 18, 2013.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate