

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 598

**WHEREAS**, Proud residents of Williamson County are coming together in Austin to celebrate Williamson County Day at the State Capitol on April 23, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, Originally home to the Tonkawa Indians, this region of rolling brushland and coastal plains was first settled by Anglo Americans in the 1830s; Williamson County was established in 1848 and named for Robert M. Williamson, a judge and soldier; Georgetown was founded that same year and named as county seat; and

**WHEREAS**, Today, Williamson County is among the fastest-growing counties in the nation, with a population of more than 450,000; a center for higher education, it is home to campuses of Southwestern University, Texas State University-Round Rock Higher Education Center, and Austin Community College; the county also boasts the Texas A&M Health Science Center and the Texas Life-Sciences Collaboration Center, which is drawing emerging biotech, nanotech, and medical device companies to the region; in 2013, Williamson was ranked as the healthiest county in Texas by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, With nearly 50,000 people, Georgetown has grown 67 percent since the last census, and the city has all the conveniences of a modern community while preserving its small-town charm; over 180 homes and buildings in the town are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and residents and visitors alike delight in its picturesque downtown and its many opportunities for recreation; *Fortune* magazine selected it as the number two place in the nation to live and launch a small business, and *CNN Money* magazine named it among the top 25 Best Places to Retire; and

**WHEREAS**, Round Rock is the largest city in the county, with more than 104,000 residents, and it is celebrating its centennial in 2013; home to such major employers as Dell, TECO-Westinghouse Motor Company, and Hospira, the city has won numerous accolades in recent years; it placed second in the Milken Institute's 2012 list of Best-Performing Cities in America, made the top 10 of CNBC.com's Perfect Suburbs, and was ranked by CQ Press as the second safest city in Texas and the 11th safest city in America with a population over 100,000; and

**WHEREAS**, Founded in 1887 and incorporated in 1973, Cedar Park has grown by more than 400 percent in the last 10 years; ideally situated close to the amenities of Austin and the natural splendor of the Hill Country, the city attracts new residents from around the world with its 860 acres of parkland and its fine restaurants and shops; it has been named by *Family Circle* magazine as one of the Top Ten Places to Raise a Family; and

**WHEREAS**, Leander offers its residents a relaxed, Hill Country lifestyle as well as easy access to the cultural and recreational opportunities of the Austin area; the city is close to several state-of-the-art medical facilities and institutions

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of higher learning; the Greater Leander Chamber of Commerce has grown by more than 400 percent since 2005, and the city's Economic Development Department has successfully encouraged impressive new retail, commercial, and industrial construction in recent years, broadening and deepening the city's economic base; and

**WHEREAS**, Proud of its heritage as a farming center, today Taylor is a rapidly growing, modern community; its residents benefit from the access to education afforded by the East Williamson County Higher Education Center, as well as the opportunities for recreation at the city's hike and bike trails, swimming pools, tennis courts, and Regional Park and Sports Complex; the history and culture of the town are on display at the Moody Museum, and visitors and residents alike take delight in such annual events as the Taylor Zest Fest, the Rattlesnake Roundup, and the rodeo; and

**WHEREAS**, Blessed with a thriving economy and an exceptional quality of life, Williamson County is justly celebrated for the can-do spirit and civic engagement of its people, who are working every day to create a bright and exciting future; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby recognize April 23, 2013, as Williamson County Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes for a memorable and meaningful day in Austin.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the  
above Resolution was adopted by  
the Senate on April 4, 2013.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate