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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Citizens from Hill County are visiting Austin to
2 celebrate Hill County Day at the State Capitol on February 26, 2015,
3 and it is indeed appropriate to take this opportunity to pay tribute
4 to this notable Texas county; and

5 WHEREAS, Located in North Central Texas east of the Brazos
6 River, Hill County was created from a section of Navarro County by
7 an act of the state legislature on February 7, 1853; it was named
8 for Dr. George Washington Hill, a member of the Congress of the
9 Republic of Texas and secretary of war and navy under President Sam
10 Houston; on May 14, 1853, an election was held in Lexington on
11 Jack's Branch to determine the county's first public officials, and
12 later that same year, Hillsboro was platted and designated the
13 county seat; and

14 WHEREAS, Now home to about 35,000 people, Hill County has
15 grown with the changing times while still maintaining the appeal of
16 a small rural county; the restored county courthouse in Hillsboro,
17 which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, serves
18 as the center for county business, and Hill College provides access
19 to an array of high tech academic and workforce training
20 educational programs, presents a popular performing arts series,
21 and is the site of the Texas Heritage Museum with its extensive
22 collection of Audie Murphy artifacts and a comprehensive library
23 and archive on the Civil War; and

24 WHEREAS, Of special interest to Texas music fans everywhere,

1 Hill County is the birthplace of legendary singer and songwriter
2 Willie Nelson, who was born in Abbott and graduated from high school
3 there; and

4 WHEREAS, Hill County communities host a number of special
5 events each year, among them the Hill County Fair and the Cotton
6 Pickin' Fair in Hillsboro, Pioneer Days in Whitney, the Cinco de
7 Mayo Celebration in Itasca, and Hubbard City Trade Days, and these
8 festivities showcase the county's hospitality, agricultural roots,
9 scenic beauty, and heritage; residents and visitors alike also
10 enjoy the myriad recreational opportunities offered by Lake Whitney
11 State Park; and

12 WHEREAS, Those who call Hill County home may take justifiable
13 pride in their county's distinctive character and the many
14 qualities that make it such an outstanding place to live, work, and
15 raise a family; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
17 Legislature hereby recognize February 26, 2015, as Hill County Day
18 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
19 best wishes for an enjoyable stay in Austin.