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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Rockwall County are gathering in
2 Austin on February 23, 2015, to celebrate Rockwall County Day at the
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated on the gently rolling Blackland Prairie of
5 North Texas, the region was inhabited by members of the Caddo and
6 Cherokee tribes before the first European resident, John O. Heath,
7 settled on the East Fork of the Trinity River in 1846; Rockwall
8 County was established in 1873, taking its name from an underground
9 rock formation; and

10 WHEREAS, The smallest county in Texas, yet among the fastest
11 growing, Rockwall County today boasts a population of more than
12 85,000 people who are committed to economic development while
13 maintaining their bustling downtowns and small-community
14 atmosphere; and

15 WHEREAS, The city of Rockwall was named by early explorer
16 T. U. Wade, who discovered a large rock wall when digging a well in
17 the mid-1800s; dedicated to preserving their community's rich
18 heritage and family-friendly environment, residents and civic
19 leaders are working hard to keep a small-town feel to a vibrant city
20 even as its population continues to grow; and

21 WHEREAS, The city of Heath boasts a premier residential
22 community located along the picturesque shores of Lake Ray Hubbard,
23 and its residents enjoy high property values, low tax rates, and
24 exemplary schools; and

1 WHEREAS, Looking to the future with a strong chamber of
2 commerce that supports local businesses, Royse City, too, is making
3 it a priority to preserve its roots; with a lively downtown and
4 superior schools, it has truly become an ideal spot to call home;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, In an area known for its rich blackland soil, the
7 town of McLendon-Chisholm dates back to the mid-1800s and is
8 partially named for P. A. McLendon, an area landowner, who
9 encouraged growth when he built a store and a blacksmith shop before
10 the community merged with another to become the inviting town it is
11 today; and

12 WHEREAS, Mobile City is the county's newest incorporated town
13 and its smallest, with 188 residents; additionally, its land area
14 of just 0.02 square miles distinguishes it as having the highest
15 population density of any municipality in Texas; and

16 WHEREAS, Rockwall County is an exceptional place to live,
17 work, and raise a family, and this occasion provides a fitting
18 opportunity to honor its citizens for their contributions to the
19 history and prosperity of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
21 Legislature hereby recognize February 23, 2015, as Rockwall County
22 Day at the State Capitol and extend to all the residents here today
23 best wishes for an informative and enjoyable visit.