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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Williamson County are gathering  
2 in Austin to celebrate Williamson County Day at the State Capitol on  
3 April 30, 2015; and

4 WHEREAS, Williamson County was established in 1848 and named  
5 for Robert M. Williamson, a participant in the Battle of San Jacinto  
6 and a prominent judge and legislator; and

7 WHEREAS, Among the fastest-growing counties in the nation,  
8 with a population of more than 470,000, Williamson County is a  
9 center for higher education; it is home to Southwestern University,  
10 Texas State University Round Rock Campus, and Austin Community  
11 College campuses; it also boasts the Texas A&M Health Science  
12 Center and the Texas Life-Sciences Collaboration Center, which  
13 draws emerging biotech, nanotech, and medical device companies to  
14 the region; in 2013, it was ranked as the healthiest county in Texas  
15 by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; and

16 WHEREAS, Georgetown, the county seat, has all the  
17 conveniences of a modern urban center while preserving its  
18 small-town charm; over 180 homes and buildings in the town are  
19 listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and residents  
20 and visitors alike delight in its picturesque downtown and its many  
21 opportunities for recreation; *Fortune* magazine selected it as the  
22 number two place in the nation to live and launch a small business,  
23 and *CNN Money* magazine named it among the top 25 Best Places to  
24 Retire; and

1           WHEREAS, Round Rock is the largest city in the county, with  
2 approximately 110,000 residents; home to such major employers as  
3 Dell, TECO-Westinghouse Motor Company, and Hospira, the city has  
4 won numerous accolades in recent years, such as listing on  
5 CNBC.com's Top 10 Perfect Suburbs and a CQ Press ranking as the  
6 second safest city in Texas; and

7           WHEREAS, Other major Williamson County cities include Cedar  
8 Park, which attracts new residents from around the world with its  
9 860 acres of parkland and its fine restaurants and shops and has  
10 been named by *Family Circle* magazine as one of the 10 Best Towns for  
11 Families; Leander, which offers its residents a relaxed, Hill  
12 Country lifestyle as well as easy access to the cultural and  
13 recreational opportunities of the Austin area; and Taylor, which is  
14 a rapidly growing, modern community where visitors and residents  
15 enjoy such annual events as the Taylor Zest Fest, the Rattlesnake  
16 Roundup, and the annual open rodeo; and

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

22           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
23 Legislature hereby recognize April 30, 2015, as Williamson County  
24 Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation  
25 sincere best wishes for the future.