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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Morris County are joining together to
2 mark the 175th anniversary of the historic John Wingate and
3 Elizabeth Truitt Log Cabin on June 6, 2015; and

4 WHEREAS, John Wingate Truitt was a resident of Etowah County,
5 Alabama, when he traveled to Texas in 1839 to purchase 320 acres of
6 land in what would later become the Jenkins community; the
7 following year, he moved with his wife, the former Betsy Robinson,
8 and their children to the property and constructed a new home
9 reminiscent of those he saw while living in Tennessee; the log cabin
10 featured two 18-foot square rooms separated by a 12-foot wide
11 dog-trot hallway, with deep porches stretching the full length of
12 the house; and

13 WHEREAS, The cabin has remained at the same location ever
14 since its completion, and the Texas Historical Commission has
15 proclaimed the land a Texas Historic Archaeological Site and has
16 designated the cabin a Texas Historic Landmark; in 2011, the East
17 Texas Communities Foundation began a three-year restoration
18 project to return the home to its original condition; and

19 WHEREAS, In tribute to this milestone anniversary, a
20 celebration is being hosted that will include tours of the cabin, a
21 Confederate Honor ceremony for Edward Robinson and James Leonard
22 Truitt, and a special program presentation featuring area
23 officials; and

24 WHEREAS, The John Wingate and Elizabeth Truitt Log Cabin

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1 provides a vital link to the rich history of its community, and its
2 preservation is a testament to the hard work and civic spirit of
3 many dedicated citizens; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
5 Legislature hereby commemorate the 175th anniversary of the John
6 Wingate and Elizabeth Truitt Log Cabin and extend to all those
7 participating in this noteworthy celebration sincere best wishes
8 for a memorable and enjoyable event.