

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 86**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to welcome to Austin the visiting delegation from Denton County and to designate February 23 and 24, 2015, as Denton County Days at the State Capitol; and

**WHEREAS**, Denton County was created in 1846 out of land from the original Peters Colony Grant and was named for John B. Denton, a pioneer lawyer and Methodist minister; the City of Denton has served as the county seat since 1857; the historic Denton County Courthouse that stands on the square in Denton was dedicated in 1897; with its limestone exterior and majestic clock tower, it has long been one of the region's most impressive sights; and

**WHEREAS**, Denton County is well known as a center for higher education; the county has 11 outstanding public school districts and is home to such distinguished institutions as the University of North Texas, established in 1890, Texas Woman's University, established in 1901, and North Central Texas College; and

**WHEREAS**, Denton County has experienced rapid growth since the 1970s, and the 2010 census placed its population at 662,614; its cities and chambers of commerce provide a welcoming business climate, and the county has been recognized nationally as an exceptional place to live and work; and

**WHEREAS**, The area offers many cultural and recreational opportunities, including the Texas Motor Speedway, Lake Ray Roberts, and Lewisville Lake, which contribute to the region's thriving economy and progressive development; and

**WHEREAS**, The visiting Denton County delegation is composed of mayors and civic, business, and educational leaders and is headed by County Judge Mary Horn and County Commissioners Hugh Coleman, Ron Marchant, Bobbie J. Mitchell, and Andy Eads; and

**WHEREAS**, The citizens of Denton County have contributed greatly to the growth and prosperity of the Lone Star State over the years, and they can be justifiably proud of their many achievements as they look to the future; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby join the Denton County delegation in celebrating February 23 and 24, 2015, as Denton County Days at the State Capitol and extend to all best wishes for a memorable visit to Austin; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this special occasion.

Nelson, Estes

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 3, 2015.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate

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