

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 118

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to welcome the delegation from Tarrant County and join in the celebration of Tarrant County Days at the State Capitol on February 25 and 26, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Tarrant County was created in 1849 as one of 26 counties formed from the Peters Colony; it is named for General Edward H. Tarrant of the Republic of Texas Militia, and its county seat is Fort Worth; and

WHEREAS, What began as a frontier community has evolved into a modern center for business, education, and world-class culture; the 2010 census recorded 1,809,034 residents in Tarrant County, making it the third most populous county in Texas and the 16th most populous county in the nation; the county has 41 incorporated municipalities and is served by 20 outstanding public school districts; and

WHEREAS, Tarrant County has many entertainment and tourist attractions that draw visitors from around the world; families enjoy Six Flags Over Texas, the Fort Worth Zoo, and Cowboys Stadium as well as exemplary museums, including the Kimbell Art Museum and the Amon G. Carter Museum, which showcase outstanding collections of classic and American art; other area attractions include historic downtown Grapevine, the shops at Grapevine Mills, Southlake Town Square, Sundance Square, and the Fort Worth Stockyards; and

WHEREAS, Tarrant County is also home to many excellent institutions of higher education, which provide opportunities for a variety of students and produce a highly educated workforce; these institutions include The University of Texas at Arlington, the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth, Texas Christian University, Tarrant County College, the College of Saint Thomas More, Arlington Baptist College, Trinity Valley Baptist Seminary and College, Tarleton State University--Fort Worth, and Texas Wesleyan University; and

WHEREAS, The county's diverse and prosperous business community ranges from cattle ranching to small businesses to multinational corporations and includes leaders in the defense, aerospace, and transportation industries; Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, and the Alliance Airport all contribute to the regional and state economy; and

WHEREAS, The visiting Tarrant County delegation of civic, academic, and business leaders is headed by County Judge B. Glen Whitley and County Commissioners Roy C. Brooks, Andy H. Nguyen, Gary Fickes, and J. D. Johnson; and

WHEREAS, The people of Tarrant County have worked hard to build and sustain their vibrant community, and they can be justly proud of their rich history, their many achievements, and their enduring public spirit; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby recognize February 25 and 26, 2015, as Tarrant County Days at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes for a meaningful and enjoyable visit to Austin; and, be it further

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

Nelson, Birdwell, Burton, Hancock

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 9, 2015.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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