

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 429

WHEREAS, Citizens and business leaders of Montgomery County are gathering in Austin on March 24, 2015, to celebrate Montgomery County Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Situated at the southern edge of the Piney Woods of East Texas, Montgomery County was established by the Congress of the Republic of Texas in 1837; the county is officially acknowledged as the Birthplace of the Lone Star Flag because the design presented by resident Dr. Charles B. Stewart was adopted by the Texas Congress in 1839 and has remained the banner of the state since it joined the Union in 1845; and

WHEREAS, The arrival of the railroads in the 1870s and 1880s sparked a lumber boom that revived Montgomery County's agricultural economy after the Civil War; Houston lumberman Isaac Conroe established a sawmill at a railroad junction near Stewarts Creek in 1881, and the town of Conroe that grew up around the mill became the largest town in the county and was named the county seat in 1889; and

WHEREAS, In 1931, the discovery of oil triggered yet another financial upsurge in the area, and today, oil production, the lumber industry, and ranching further the county's prosperity; visitors from across the state are drawn to the region's vibrant historical and cultural establishments, and outdoor enthusiasts enjoy the recreational opportunities at Sam Houston National Forest, W. Goodrich Jones State Forest, and Lake Conroe Park; additionally, The Woodlands, a master-planned community, is home to the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, a major concert venue as well as the summer residence of the Houston Symphony; and

WHEREAS, This visit to the State Capitol was organized by the Conroe/Lake Conroe, Woodlands Area, Magnolia Parkway, Magnolia, East Montgomery, and Montgomery Area Chambers of Commerce; members of each association work to improve and strengthen economic development and the quality of life throughout Montgomery County, which, with a current population of approximately half a million people, is one of the fastest growing counties in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich past as they look forward to a bright future, the residents of Montgomery County may take great pride in their continuing contributions to the history and heritage of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby recognize March 24, 2015, as Montgomery County Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.

Creighton, Nichols

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 24, 2015.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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