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H.R. No. 189

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Citizens from Denton County are gathering in Austin
2 on March 1, 2017, to celebrate Denton County Day at the State
3 Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Located in North Texas and serving as the gateway to
5 the Dallas-Fort Worth area, Denton County was created from the
6 Peters colony grant by the Texas Legislature in 1846 and named for
7 pioneer preacher, lawyer, and soldier John Bunyan Denton; the early
8 years of the county saw its emergence as an agricultural center, and
9 the arrival of the railroads in the 1880s ensured that the region's
10 wheat and cotton would find distribution across the country; and

11 WHEREAS, The county has witnessed remarkable growth in recent
12 years, and with a population of approximately 780,000, Denton is
13 one of the fastest growing counties in the nation; it has drawn a
14 number of corporate residents as well, including Peterbilt Motors
15 Company Manufacturing and the headquarters of Sally Beauty
16 Holdings, and Target and WinCo have opened distribution centers in
17 the area; and

18 WHEREAS, The city of Denton, the county seat, is home to the
19 University of North Texas and Texas Woman's University, which were
20 founded as Texas Normal College and Girls' Industrial College in
21 1890 and 1903, respectively; nearby Corinth hosts a campus of North
22 Central Texas College, which offers technical and occupational
23 classes to residents throughout the county and beyond, and the area
24 is further served by 11 public school districts educating some

1 125,000 young Texans; and

2 WHEREAS, Other attractions in the area include the wilderness
3 of the North Texas Greenbelt and the architecture of the Denton
4 County Courthouse-on-the-Square; moreover, the county is part of
5 the North Texas Horse Country, one of the largest concentrations of
6 horse farms in the nation, and it also boasts the second-largest
7 sports facility in the United States, the Texas Motor Speedway,
8 which draws hundreds of thousands of race fans each year; and

9 WHEREAS, The citizens of this notable North Texas county are
10 working to preserve the best of their past even as they look forward
11 to a bright and promising future, and they are sure to figure
12 prominently in the story of the Lone Star State in the years ahead;
13 now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
15 Legislature hereby recognize March 1, 2017, as Denton County Day at
16 the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
17 best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.