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H.R. No. 427

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, On March 2, 2017, proud residents of Hunt County are  
2 visiting Austin on the occasion of Hunt County Day at the State  
3 Capitol; and

4           WHEREAS, Located in the Blackland Prairie of northeastern  
5 Texas, Hunt County was first inhabited by the Kiowa; Anglo settlers  
6 arrived in 1839, and the county was officially formed from parts of  
7 Fannin and Nacogdoches Counties in 1846; with Greenville as its  
8 seat, the county was named after Memucan Hunt, secretary of the navy  
9 and minister to Washington under the Republic of Texas; and

10           WHEREAS, While the county's early economy depended mainly on  
11 cotton, life changed dramatically after the Civil War; the arrival  
12 of the railroad in the mid-1870s was a catalyst for 11 communities  
13 that sprang up around train depots, and by the early 20th century,  
14 Hunt County was home to the first municipally owned public  
15 utilities in Texas and a number of industries centered around the  
16 cotton trade, such as cotton-spinning mills, cotton compresses, and  
17 a cottonseed-oil refinery; and

18           WHEREAS, Hunt County has continued to grow; its diverse  
19 economy now includes such industries as aircraft electronics and  
20 plastics distribution, and eight Fortune 500 companies have offices  
21 in Greenville; and

22           WHEREAS, The county is well served by two institutions of  
23 higher learning, Texas A&M University--Commerce and the Greenville  
24 Center of Paris Junior College, and it is further enriched by a

1 number of recreational and cultural attractions; picturesque Lake  
2 Tawakoni State Park is a destination for boating, swimming,  
3 camping, and hiking, the Mathews Prairie Nature Preserve, a  
4 100-acre tract of native prairie meadow that has never been plowed,  
5 is ideal for birders and wildflower enthusiasts, and the Audie  
6 Murphy/American Cotton Museum commemorates the importance of  
7 cotton to the region and celebrates the life of Hunt County native  
8 Audie Murphy, film star and the most decorated American soldier of  
9 World War II; and

10 WHEREAS, The citizens of Hunt County take great pride in  
11 their rich history as they work together to build an even brighter  
12 future, and it is indeed fitting to honor them and their unique  
13 contributions to the story of the Lone Star State; now, therefore,  
14 be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
16 Legislature hereby recognize March 2, 2017, as Hunt County Day at  
17 the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere  
18 best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable stay in Austin.