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H.R. No. 429

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud citizens from Hill County are visiting Austin
2 on February 22, 2017, to celebrate Hill County Day at the State
3 Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Located in North Central Texas east of the Brazos
5 River, Hill County was created from a section of Navarro County by
6 an act of the state legislature on February 7, 1853; it was named
7 for Dr. George Washington Hill, a member of the Congress of the
8 Republic of Texas and secretary of war and navy under President Sam
9 Houston; on May 14, 1853, an election was held in Lexington on
10 Jack's Branch to determine the county's first public officials, and
11 later that same year, Hillsboro was platted and designated the
12 county seat; and

13 WHEREAS, Now home to about 35,000 people, Hill County has
14 grown with the changing times while still maintaining the appeal of
15 a small rural county; the restored county courthouse in Hillsboro,
16 which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, serves
17 as the center for county business, and Hill College provides access
18 to an array of high tech academic and workforce training
19 educational programs, presents a popular performing arts series,
20 and is the site of the Texas Heritage Museum with its extensive
21 collection of Audie Murphy artifacts and a comprehensive library
22 and archive on the Civil War; and

23 WHEREAS, Of special interest to Texas music fans everywhere,
24 Hill County is the birthplace of legendary singer and songwriter

1 Willie Nelson, who was born in Abbott and graduated from high school
2 there; and

3 WHEREAS, Hill County communities host a number of special
4 events each year, among them the Hill County Fair and the Cotton
5 Pickin' Fair in Hillsboro, Pioneer Days in Whitney, the Cinco de
6 Mayo Celebration in Itasca, and Hubbard City Trade Days, and these
7 festivities showcase the county's hospitality, agricultural roots,
8 scenic beauty, and heritage; residents and visitors alike also
9 enjoy the myriad recreational opportunities offered by Lake Whitney
10 State Park; and

11 WHEREAS, Even as they celebrate their rich history, the
12 hardworking citizens of Hill County are looking ahead to the
13 opportunities of the future, and they may take great pride in their
14 unique contributions to the story of the Lone Star State; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
17 Legislature hereby recognize February 22, 2017, as Hill County Day
18 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
19 best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.