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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Citizens and business leaders of Montgomery County
2 are gathering in Austin on March 7, 2017, to celebrate Montgomery
3 County Day at the State Capitol; and

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

11 WHEREAS, The arrival of the railroads in the 1870s and 1880s
12 sparked a lumber boom that revived Montgomery County's agricultural
13 economy after the Civil War; Houston lumberman Isaac Conroe
14 established a sawmill at a railroad junction near Stewarts Creek in
15 1881, and the town of Conroe that grew up around the mill was named
16 the county seat eight years later; in 1931, the discovery of oil
17 triggered yet another financial upsurge in the area, and today, oil
18 production, the lumber industry, and ranching further the county's
19 prosperity; and

20 WHEREAS, Visitors from across the state are drawn to the
21 region's vibrant historical and cultural establishments, and
22 outdoor enthusiasts enjoy the recreational opportunities at Sam
23 Houston National Forest, W. Goodrich Jones State Forest, and Lake
24 Conroe Park; additionally, The Woodlands, a master-planned

1 community, is home to the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, a major
2 concert venue as well as the summer residence of the Houston
3 Symphony; and

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

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

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
18 Legislature hereby recognize March 7, 2017, as Montgomery County
19 Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation
20 sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.