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H.R. No. 199

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Citizens from Denton County are gathering in Austin
2 on February 20, 2019, 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 experienced remarkable growth in
12 recent years, and with a population of more than 800,000, Denton is
13 one of the fastest growing counties in the nation; it has drawn a
14 number of corporate residents as well, including Federal Express,
15 Sally Beauty Holdings, Target, WinCo, Peterbilt Motors, and Xerox;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, The city of Denton, the county seat, is home to the
18 University of North Texas and Texas Woman's University, which were
19 founded as Texas Normal College and Girls' Industrial College in
20 1890 and 1903, respectively; nearby Corinth hosts a campus of North
21 Central Texas College, which offers technical and occupational
22 classes to residents throughout the county and beyond, and the area
23 is further served by 11 public school districts educating thousands
24 of young Texans at nearly 100 facilities; and

1 WHEREAS, Other attractions in the area include the wilderness
2 of the North Texas Greenbelt and the architecture of the Denton
3 County Courthouse-on-the-Square; moreover, the county is part of
4 the North Texas Horse Country, which is one of the largest regions
5 for horse breeding and training in the southwestern United States,
6 and the county also boasts the second-largest sports facility in
7 the nation, the Texas Motor Speedway, which draws hundreds of
8 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 86th Texas
15 Legislature hereby recognize February 20, 2019, as Denton County
16 Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation
17 sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.