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H.R. No. 233

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On February 26, 2019, 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, The arrival of the railroad in the mid-1870s was a
11 catalyst for 11 communities that sprang up around train depots, and
12 by the early 20th century, Hunt County was home to the first
13 municipally owned public utilities in Texas and a number of
14 industries centered on the cotton trade, such as cotton-spinning
15 mills, cotton compresses, and a cottonseed-oil refinery; the county
16 has continued to grow, and its diverse economy now includes such
17 industries as aircraft electronics and plastics distribution, and a
18 number of Fortune 500 companies have offices in Greenville; and

19 WHEREAS, Hunt County is well served by two institutions of
20 higher learning, Texas A&M University-Commerce and the Greenville
21 Center of Paris Junior College, and it is further enriched by a
22 number of recreational and cultural attractions; picturesque Lake
23 Tawakoni State Park is a destination for boating, swimming,
24 camping, and hiking, the Mathews Prairie Nature Preserve, a

1 100-acre tract of native prairie meadow that has never been plowed,
2 is ideal for birders and wildflower enthusiasts, and the Audie
3 Murphy/American Cotton Museum commemorates the importance of
4 cotton to the region and celebrates the life of Hunt County native
5 Audie Murphy, film star and the most decorated American soldier of
6 World War II; and

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

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize February 26, 2019, as Hunt County Day
14 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
15 best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable stay in Austin.