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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 February 26, 2019, to celebrate
3 Montgomery 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 in 1881, and the town of Conroe that grew up
15 around the mill was named the county seat eight years later; in
16 1931, the discovery of oil triggered yet another financial upsurge
17 in the area, and today, oil production, the lumber industry, and
18 ranching further the area's prosperity; and

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

1 concert venue as well as the summer residence of the Houston
2 Symphony; and

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

10 WHEREAS, The people of this vibrant county take great pride
11 in their rich history as they work to build an even brighter future,
12 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 86th Texas
16 Legislature hereby recognize February 26, 2019, as Montgomery
17 County Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting
18 delegation sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay
19 in Austin.