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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Rockwall County are gathering in
2 Austin February 25 and 26, 2019, to celebrate Rockwall County Days
3 at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated on the gently rolling Blackland Prairie of
5 North Texas, the region was inhabited by members of the Caddo and
6 Cherokee tribes before the first European resident, John O. Heath,
7 settled on the East Fork of the Trinity River in 1846; Rockwall
8 County was established in 1873; and

9 WHEREAS, The smallest county in Texas, yet among the fastest
10 growing, Rockwall County today boasts a population of approximately
11 97,000 people; and

12 WHEREAS, The county seat, Rockwall, was named by early
13 explorer T. U. Wade, who discovered a large rock wall when digging
14 a well in the mid-1800s; dedicated to preserving their community's
15 rich heritage and family-friendly environment, residents and civic
16 leaders, including the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce, are
17 working hard to keep a small-town feel to a vibrant city even as its
18 population continues to grow; and

19 WHEREAS, The city of Heath boasts a premier residential
20 community located along the picturesque shores of Lake Ray Hubbard,
21 and its residents enjoy high property values, low tax rates, and
22 exemplary schools; and

23 WHEREAS, Royse City is looking to the future while also
24 making it a priority to preserve its roots; with a lively downtown

1 and superior schools, it has truly become an ideal spot to call
2 home; and

3 WHEREAS, In an area known for its rich blackland soil, the
4 town of McLendon-Chisholm dates back to the mid-1800s and is
5 partially named for P. A. McLendon, an area landowner, who
6 encouraged growth when he built a store and a blacksmith shop before
7 the community merged with another to become the inviting town it is
8 today; and

9 WHEREAS, Fate is located just four miles northeast of
10 Rockwall on State Highway 66 and the Missouri, Kansas and Texas
11 railroad line; this fast-growing and family-friendly city
12 emphasizes a high quality of life and a true small-town atmosphere;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Rockwall County is an exceptional place to live and
15 work, and its citizens may take justifiable pride in their
16 community's unique contributions to the story of the Lone Star
17 State; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
19 Legislature hereby recognize February 25 and 26, 2019, as Rockwall
20 County Days at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting
21 delegation sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay
22 in Austin.