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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Harrison County are gathering to
2 celebrate Harrison County Day at the State Capitol on February 27,
3 2019; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated among the rolling Piney Woods of East
5 Texas, Harrison County was established by the Republic of Texas in
6 1839 and named after Texas revolutionary leader Jonas Harrison; the
7 city of Marshall was founded in 1841 and became the county seat the
8 following year; and

9 WHEREAS, Cotton was the basis for the county's economy for
10 many years and continued to be important well into the 20th century;
11 in addition, the red and white clay soils of the region are
12 excellent for stoneware, and the county is home to numerous pottery
13 companies, including Marshall Pottery, which was established in
14 1896 and remains one of the largest manufacturers of red clay pots
15 in the nation; the area's diverse economy is further enhanced by the
16 lumber industry, oil and gas production, manufacturing, and
17 ranching and farming; and

18 WHEREAS, Outdoor enthusiasts may take advantage of the fine
19 opportunities for camping, hiking, fishing, and boating at Caddo
20 Lake State Park, home of the only natural lake in Texas, while those
21 interested in the county's past can appreciate the revitalized
22 downtown Marshall; the 1901 County Courthouse and the Texas and
23 Pacific Railway Museum and Depot have been restored, and the nearby
24 Ginocchio National Historic District preserves several other fine

1 examples of early Texas architecture; additionally, the Starr
2 Family Home State Historic Site showcases a family that was a major
3 contributor to the growth of the railroad and cotton industries and
4 the settling of the frontier of Texas in the late 1800s; and

5 WHEREAS, The educational needs of Harrison County are met by
6 such fine institutions as Wiley College, East Texas Baptist
7 University, and Texas State Technical College; those schools'
8 cultural offerings are supplemented by the Michelson Museum of Art,
9 which features work by several important early 20th century
10 artists; and

11 WHEREAS, Residents and visitors alike enjoy the county's
12 colorful annual festivals, including the FireAnt Festival in
13 October and the yearly Wonderland of Lights; and

14 WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich heritage as they work toward
15 a bright tomorrow, the citizens of Harrison County may indeed take
16 great pride in their unique contribution to the history and culture
17 of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
19 Legislature hereby recognize February 27, 2019, as Harrison County
20 Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation
21 sincere best wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in
22 Austin.