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H.R. No. 189

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the  
2 87th Texas Legislature are pleased to recognize Hill County and to  
3 honor its residents for the important contributions they are making  
4 to the Lone Star State; and

5           WHEREAS, Located in North Central Texas east of the Brazos  
6 River, Hill County was created from a section of Navarro County by  
7 an act of the state legislature on February 7, 1853; it was named  
8 for Dr. George Washington Hill, a member of the Congress of the  
9 Republic of Texas and secretary of war and navy under President Sam  
10 Houston; on May 14, 1853, an election was held in Lexington on  
11 Jack's Branch to determine the county's first public officials, and  
12 later that same year, Hillsboro was platted and designated the  
13 county seat; and

14           WHEREAS, Now home to more than 36,000 people, Hill County has  
15 grown with the changing times while still maintaining its rural  
16 appeal; the restored county courthouse in Hillsboro, which is  
17 listed in the National Register of Historic Places, serves as the  
18 center for county business; additionally, Hill College provides  
19 access to an array of high tech academic and workforce training  
20 educational programs, presents a popular performing arts series,  
21 and is the site of the Texas Heritage Museum with its extensive  
22 collection of Audie Murphy artifacts and an impressive library and  
23 archive on the Civil War; and

24           WHEREAS, Of special interest to Texas music fans everywhere,

1 Hill County is the birthplace of legendary singer and songwriter  
2 Willie Nelson, who was born in Abbott and graduated from high school  
3 there; and

4 WHEREAS, Hill County communities host a number of special  
5 events each year, among them the Hill County Fair and the Cotton  
6 Pickin' Fair in Hillsboro and Pioneer Days in Whitney, and these  
7 festivities showcase the county's hospitality, agricultural roots,  
8 scenic beauty, and heritage; residents and visitors alike also  
9 enjoy the myriad recreational opportunities offered by Lake Whitney  
10 State Park; and

11 WHEREAS, Even as they celebrate their rich history, the  
12 hardworking citizens of Hill County are looking ahead to the  
13 opportunities of the future, and their history and achievements are  
14 indeed deserving of commendation; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
16 Legislature hereby recognize Hill County and extend to its  
17 residents sincere best wishes for the future.