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H.R. No. 232

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Henderson County are celebrating
2 their bicentennial, or the 175th anniversary of their
3 county, in 2021; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated between the Neches and Trinity Rivers, the
5 region features East Texas timberlands and mixed forests, as well
6 as parts of Lake Palestine and the Cedar Creek Reservoir; the area
7 was home to numerous Native American tribes when European settlers
8 arrived after the Texas Revolution in 1836 and built a community
9 known as Buffalo; and

10 WHEREAS, Established on April 27, 1846, Henderson County was
11 carved out of Nacogdoches and Houston Counties and named in honor of
12 James Pinckney Henderson, the first governor of the State of Texas;
13 two years later, it was reconfigured to its present size of 949.7
14 square miles, and the county seat was moved to the town of Athens,
15 which has grown to become the largest city in the county; and

16 WHEREAS, Henderson County is admired by residents and
17 visitors alike for the natural beauty of its sprawling farmland and
18 rolling hills, and recreational hunting and fishing bring people to
19 the Texas Forest Trail and Texas Lakes Trail; and

20 WHEREAS, Citizens of Henderson County support many different
21 industries, and a high percentage of the workforce is engaged in
22 health care and social assistance, educational services, retail
23 trade, manufacturing, and the construction service sectors; and

24 WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich history as they look forward

1 to a bright and promising future, the people of Henderson County may
2 take great pride in the role their communities continue to play in
3 the story of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
5 Legislature hereby commemorate the 175th anniversary of Henderson
6 County and extend to its citizens sincere best wishes for the
7 future.