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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The year 2021 marks the 175th anniversary of the
2 founding of Burleson County; and

3 WHEREAS, Situated among the rolling hills and the fertile
4 farmland of the Brazos River valley approximately 45 miles east of
5 Austin, Burleson County has a fascinating story; in 1830, the
6 Mexican government placed Fort Tenoxtitlán near the Brazos in an
7 attempt to stop further Anglo-American settlement, but Lieutenant
8 Colonel José Francisco Ruiz, the Texas-born garrison commander,
9 defied orders and allowed more newcomers into the area; a new
10 community and general store arose near the fort, and Caldwell was
11 platted in 1840; and

12 WHEREAS, On March 24, 1846, the state's first Legislature
13 established Burleson County, named in honor of General Edward
14 Burleson, a statesman and a Texas Revolution hero; by 1856, post
15 offices had been established in the county seat of Caldwell and in
16 other communities; over the next several decades, substantial
17 numbers of European immigrants, including Germans, Austrians,
18 Czechs, and Italians, began making their homes across the county;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Burleson today is home to more than 18,000
21 residents; rail, agribusiness, and oil and gas economies continue
22 to be important to the region, and the county offers ample
23 opportunities for recreation that include the high quality fishing
24 at Lake Somerville; completed in 1967 on Yegua Creek, the

1 11,456-acre reservoir and dam provide tourism revenue and
2 much-needed flood protection for the surrounding area; and

3 WHEREAS, Among its accolades, Burleson County has been
4 honored with the Governor's Community Achievement Award; moreover,
5 it has been recognized by Keep Texas Beautiful for its multifaceted
6 efforts; and

7 WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich history as they work to build
8 an even brighter future, the people of Burleson County are
9 justifiably proud of their communities, and it is indeed fitting to
10 recognize the county's myriad contributions to the Lone Star State;
11 now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
13 Legislature hereby commemorate the 175th anniversary of Burleson
14 County and extend to its citizens sincere best wishes for the
15 future.