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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Ellis County take great pride in the
2 area's rich history and in a county government with a deep
3 commitment to preserving the region's heritage; and

4 WHEREAS, The county was established by the Texas Legislature
5 on December 20, 1849, and named for Richard Ellis, president of the
6 Convention of 1836 that led to the independence of Texas; during the
7 1850s, many Czechs, Hungarians, and Germans settled in the area to
8 raise cattle on the rolling Blackland Prairie, and with the arrival
9 of the railroad in 1872, cotton farming became essential to the
10 county's economy; today, the county benefits from a diversified
11 economy based on cotton farming and ranching as well as cement and
12 steel production, and it is also a major hub for warehousing and
13 distribution; and

14 WHEREAS, County seat Waxahachie is widely known as the
15 Gingerbread City for its lovely Victorian homes and for its
16 handsome courthouse, which was described by author James Michener
17 as a "fairy tale palace replete with battlements and turrets and
18 spires"; the county also boasts numerous Texas Historical Markers
19 celebrating the legacy of its homes, churches, cemeteries, and
20 other buildings and sites; and

21 WHEREAS, The county is fortunate to have many dedicated
22 public officials who work tirelessly to preserve this rich heritage
23 while helping to build a more prosperous future; these include
24 County Judge Todd Little and the members of the Commissioners

1 Court, Randy Stinson of Precinct 1, Lane Grayson of Precinct 2, Paul
2 Perry of Precinct 3, and Kyle Butler of Precinct 4, as well as
3 district clerk Krystal Valdez, county treasurer Cheryl Chambers,
4 and tax assessor Richard Rozier; and

5 WHEREAS, The county's expert law enforcement personnel
6 include Sheriff Brad Norman and constables Roy Callender Jr. of
7 Precinct 1, Casey Borders of Precinct 2, Curtis Polk Jr. of Precinct
8 3, and Mike Jones of Precinct 4, as well as justices of the peace
9 Chris Macon of Precinct 1, Jackie Miller Jr. of Precinct 2, Dan D.
10 Cox of Precinct 3, and Steve Egan of Precinct 4; the courts benefit
11 from the efforts of district attorney Ann Montgomery, Judge Jim
12 Chapman of County Court at Law 1, Judge A. Gene Calvert Jr. of
13 County Court at Law 2, and Judge Joseph R. Gallo of County of Court
14 at Law 3; Judge Bob Carroll presides over the 40th Judicial District
15 Court, while Judge William D. Wallace presides over the 378th
16 Judicial District Court and Judge Cindy Ermatinger presides over
17 the 443rd Judicial District Court; and

18 WHEREAS, Both picturesque and dynamic, Ellis County is one of
19 the great assets of the Lone Star State, and its hardworking and
20 innovative residents continue to honor their history as they look
21 forward to the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead; now,
22 therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
24 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the heritage of Ellis County and
25 extend to the county's elected officials sincere best wishes for
26 continued success in their important work; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for Ellis County as an expression of high regard by the
2 Texas House of Representatives.