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H.R. No. 997

R E S O L U T I O N

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

4 WHEREAS, Set amid the picturesque timberlands and rolling
5 hills of East Texas, the area was originally home to several Native
6 American tribes; European settlers arrived after the Texas
7 Revolution in 1836 and founded the community of Buffalo; carved out
8 of Nacogdoches and Houston Counties, Henderson County was
9 established on April 27, 1846, and named for James Pinckney
10 Henderson, the first governor of the State of Texas; two years
11 later, it was reconfigured within its present borders, and the
12 county seat was moved to Athens, which was chosen as the site for
13 the "courthouse under the oaks"; and

14 WHEREAS, Today, the county's economy benefits from cattle
15 ranching, timber, retail trade, and tourism, among other
16 enterprises, and visitors and residents alike delight in the
17 opportunities for hunting, fishing, and birding along the Texas
18 Forest Trail and the Texas Lakes Trail; and

19 WHEREAS, The county is fortunate to have many dedicated
20 public officials who work tirelessly to preserve this rich heritage
21 while helping to build a more prosperous future; these include
22 County Judge Wade McKinney and the members of the Commissioners
23 Court, Wendy Spivey of Precinct 1, Scott Tuley of Precinct 2,
24 Charles "Chuck" McHam of Precinct 3, and Mark Richardson of

1 Precinct 4, as well as county attorney Clint Davis, county clerk
2 Mary Margaret Wright, tax assessor Peggy Goodall, county treasurer
3 Michael Bynum, and district clerk Betty Herriage; and

4 WHEREAS, The county's expert law enforcement personnel
5 include Sheriff Botie Hillhouse and constables Thomas Goodell of
6 Precinct 1, Mitch Baker of Precinct 2, David Grubbs of Precinct 3,
7 John Floyd of Precinct 4, and Brad Miers of Precinct 5; the courts
8 benefit from the efforts of district attorney Jenny Palmer, Judge
9 Dan Moore of the 173rd District Court, Judge Scott McKee of the
10 392nd District Court, Judge Mark Calhoon of the 3rd District Court,
11 Judge Scott Williams of County Court at Law 1, and Judge Nancy
12 Perryman of County Court at Law 2; and

13 WHEREAS, The year 2021 marks the 175th anniversary of
14 Henderson County, and its hardworking and innovative residents
15 continue to honor their history as they look forward to the
16 challenges and opportunities that lie ahead; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
18 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the heritage of Henderson County
19 and extend to the county's elected officials sincere best wishes
20 for continued success in their important work; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for Henderson County as an expression of high regard by the
23 Texas House of Representatives.