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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Citizens and business leaders of Montgomery County are gathering in Austin on February 14, 2023, to celebrate Montgomery County Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Situated at the southern edge of the Piney Woods of East Texas, Montgomery County was established by the Congress of the Republic of Texas in 1837; the historic city of Montgomery is recognized as the birthplace of the Texas flag, because the design presented by Montgomery resident Dr. Charles B. Stewart was adopted by the Texas Congress in 1839 and has remained the banner of the state since it joined the Union in 1845; and

WHEREAS, The arrival of the railroads in the 1870s and 1880s sparked a lumber boom that revived Montgomery County's agricultural economy after the Civil War; Houston lumberman Isaac Conroe established a sawmill in 1881, and the town of Conroe that grew up around the mill was named the county seat eight years later; in 1931, the discovery of oil triggered yet another financial upsurge in the area, and today, oil production, the lumber industry, and ranching further the area's prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Visitors from across the state are drawn to the region's vibrant historical and cultural establishments, and outdoor enthusiasts enjoy the recreational opportunities at Sam Houston National Forest, W. Goodrich Jones State Forest, and Lake Conroe Park; Conroe, one of the fastest-growing cities in Texas, has been designated as a Music Friendly Community by the Texas Music Office; additionally, The Woodlands, a master-planned community, is home to the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, a major concert venue that serves as the summer residence of the Houston Symphony and that ranked second in ticket sales among amphitheaters worldwide in 2019; in recent years, East Montgomery County has experienced significant residential and commercial growth, with the area's residents benefiting from proximity to the cultural amenities of Houston and The Woodlands as well as from access to Lake Houston Wilderness Park and three regional lakes; and

WHEREAS, This visit to the State Capitol was organized by the Conroe/Lake Conroe, Woodlands Area, Greater Magnolia Parkway, Greater East Montgomery County, Montgomery Area, and Montgomery County Hispanic Chambers of Commerce; members of each association work to improve and strengthen economic development and the quality of life throughout Montgomery County, which is one of the fastest-growing counties in the nation; and

WHEREAS, The people of this vibrant county take great pride in their rich history as they work to build an even brighter future, and it is indeed fitting to honor them and their unique contributions to the story of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas Legislature hereby recognize February 14, 2023, as Montgomery County Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.