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H.R. No. 88

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

11 WHEREAS, The arrival of the railroads in the 1870s and 1880s  
12 sparked a lumber boom that revived Montgomery County's agricultural  
13 economy after the Civil War; Houston lumberman Isaac Conroe  
14 established a sawmill in 1881, and the town of Conroe that grew up  
15 around the mill was named the county seat eight years later; in  
16 1931, the discovery of oil triggered yet another financial upsurge  
17 in the area, and today, oil production, the lumber industry, and  
18 ranching further the area's prosperity; and

19 WHEREAS, Visitors from across the state are drawn to the  
20 region's vibrant historical and cultural establishments, and  
21 outdoor enthusiasts enjoy the recreational opportunities at Sam  
22 Houston National Forest, W. Goodrich Jones State Forest, and Lake  
23 Conroe Park; Conroe, one of the fastest-growing cities in Texas,  
24 has been designated as a Music Friendly Community by the Texas Music

1 Office; additionally, The Woodlands, a master-planned community,  
2 is home to the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, a major concert  
3 venue that serves as the summer residence of the Houston Symphony  
4 and that ranked second in ticket sales among amphitheaters  
5 worldwide in 2019; in recent years, East Montgomery County has  
6 experienced significant residential and commercial growth, with  
7 the area's residents benefiting from proximity to the cultural  
8 amenities of Houston and The Woodlands as well as from access to  
9 Lake Houston Wilderness Park and three regional lakes; and

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

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

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