

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Liberty County are gathering in  
2 Austin on February 23, 2023, to celebrate Liberty County Day at the  
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Inhabited by Native Americans since the prehistoric  
5 era, the area that would become Liberty County was home to the  
6 Karankawa people at the time the Spanish established a mission and  
7 presidio there in the mid-1700s; settlement increased in the early  
8 19th century, and Liberty County was organized in 1836 as part of  
9 the independent Republic of Texas, with Liberty as the county seat;  
10 the county originally included all of the future Tyler County and  
11 parts of what would later be Hardin, Chambers, San Jacinto, and Polk  
12 Counties; and

13 WHEREAS, Situated halfway between Beaumont and Houston,  
14 Liberty County is bisected by the Trinity River and features both  
15 Coastal Prairie and Big Thicket terrain; the economy was initially  
16 driven by such crops as cotton, sugarcane, and tobacco as well as  
17 lumber and cattle, but it diversified in the early 1900s with the  
18 increased cultivation of rice and the discovery of oil and natural  
19 gas; and

20 WHEREAS, Residents and visitors alike benefit from the  
21 recreational opportunities afforded by the Trinity River National  
22 Wildlife Refuge; in addition, the county hosts a number of annual  
23 events, including the Hull-Daisetta Mayhaw Festival and the Trinity  
24 Valley Exposition Fair and Rodeo; and

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1       WHEREAS, Liberty County is blessed with a rich history and  
2 abundant natural resources, and its residents may take great pride  
3 in their accomplishments as they continue to work toward an even  
4 brighter future; now, therefore, be it

5       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby recognize February 23, 2023, as Liberty County  
7 Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation  
8 sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 196 was adopted by the House on March 8, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House