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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Many proud residents of Hill County are gathering in
2 Austin on March 16, 2023, to celebrate Hill County Day at the State
3 Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, On February 7, 1853, Hill County was created from
5 the western section of Navarro County by an act of the state
6 legislature; it was named in honor of Dr. George Washington Hill, a
7 member of the Congress of the Republic of Texas and the secretary of
8 war and navy under President Sam Houston; later that year, citizens
9 convened at Lexington on Jack's Branch to elect their public
10 officials, and Hillsboro was platted and designated as the county
11 seat; and

12 WHEREAS, Residents of Hill County have demonstrated lasting
13 appreciation for the unique history of their area; following a
14 devastating fire in 1993, they carefully restored the splendid
15 county courthouse, with assistance from Abbott native Willie
16 Nelson, who played two benefit concerts for the effort; the Second
17 Empire-style building, constructed in 1890, is listed in the
18 National Register of Historic places and continues to serve as a hub
19 for government operations; and

20 WHEREAS, Hill College houses the Texas Heritage Museum, which
21 boasts an extensive collection of Audie Murphy artifacts, a
22 10,000-volume library on the Civil War, and the official Texas
23 Medal of Honor memorial; while meeting academic and workforce
24 needs, the college also fosters cultural enrichment through its

1 popular performing arts series; and

2 WHEREAS, Now home to more than 36,000 people, the county
3 hosts a number of events enjoyed by residents of Hillsboro,
4 Hubbard, Itasca, Whitney, and other communities; annual favorites
5 include the county fair, Autumnfest, Cinco de Mayo, Pioneer Days,
6 and Hubbard City Trade Days; recreational opportunities abound at
7 Lake Whitney State Park, a prime destination for camping, hiking,
8 boating, and bird watching; and

9 WHEREAS, Stargazers eagerly anticipate April 8, 2024, when
10 Hillsboro will offer one of the world's best vantage points for
11 viewing the solar eclipse, according to *Astronomy* magazine; the
12 future also holds the opening of a 74,000-square-foot Buc-ees
13 establishment, a certain boon to the economy; and

14 WHEREAS, Changing with the times while maintaining its
15 friendliness and charm, Hill County continues to cultivate the
16 qualities that have long made it an outstanding place in which to
17 live, work, and raise a family; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
19 Legislature hereby recognize March 16, 2023, as Hill County Day at
20 the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
21 best wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.