

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 187

**WHEREAS**, Proud citizens of Wharton County are gathering in Austin on February 28, 2023, to celebrate Wharton County Day at the State Capitol; and

**WHEREAS**, Led by Stephen F. Austin under contract with the Mexican government, prospective landowners first came to the plains of the Colorado River in 1822; the Mexican Imperial Colonization Law of 1823 granted 177 acres to the heads of families for farming and 4,428 acres for raising cattle; and

**WHEREAS**, Wharton County was founded in April of 1846, and its name commemorates two heroes of the Texas Revolution, brothers William Harris Wharton and John Austin Wharton; the advent of railroads and irrigation brought increased settlement to the area, which remains a center of agricultural, educational, industrial, and medical services for a large region; and

**WHEREAS**, Today, nearly 42,000 people call the county home; encompassing just over 1,000 square miles of primarily prairie and timberland, it is divided roughly in half by the Colorado River, which flows through the communities of Wharton and Glen Flora; and

**WHEREAS**, The county seat, Wharton is known for its small-town way of life and its Czech, Danish, and Mexican heritage, as well as for its proximity to both Houston and the Gulf Coast, its excellent schools and championship football teams, and its popular festivals; the area also attracts visitors seeking hunting and outdoor recreation opportunities; the county's other largest towns include El Campo, East Bernard, Boling, and Louise; and

**WHEREAS**, With their resilience and strong sense of community, the people of Wharton County are working to preserve the best of their past as they build an even brighter future, and it is indeed fitting to honor them for their unique contributions to the story of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby recognize February 28, 2023, as Wharton County Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting delegation.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the  
above Resolution was adopted by  
the Senate on February 28, 2023.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate