By: Bell of Montgomery

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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Montgomery County Day is taking place at the State 2 Capitol on March 4, 2025, and this occasion provides a welcome 3 opportunity to honor the county's residents for their important 4 contributions to the Lone Star State; and

5 WHEREAS, Situated at the southern edge of the Piney Woods of 6 East Texas, Montgomery County was established by the Congress of 7 the Republic of Texas in 1837; the historic city of Montgomery is 8 recognized as the birthplace of the Texas flag, because the design 9 presented by Montgomery resident Dr. Charles B. Stewart was adopted 10 by the Texas Congress in 1839 and has remained the banner of the 11 state since it joined the Union in 1845; and

12 WHEREAS, The arrival of the railroads in the 1870s and 1880s 13 sparked a lumber boom that revived Montgomery County's agricultural 14 economy after the Civil War; Houston lumberman Isaac Conroe established a sawmill in 1881, and the town of Conroe that grew up 15 16 around the mill was named the county seat eight years later; in 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

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

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1 has been designated as a Music Friendly Community by the Texas Music Office; additionally, The Woodlands, a master-planned community, 2 3 is home to the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, a major concert venue that serves as the summer residence of the Houston Symphony 4 5 and that ranked second in ticket sales among amphitheaters worldwide in 2019; in recent years, East Montgomery County has 6 experienced significant residential and commercial growth, with 7 8 the area's residents benefiting from proximity to the cultural amenities of Houston and The Woodlands as well as from access to 9 10 Lake Houston Wilderness Park and three regional lakes; and

11 WHEREAS, This visit to the State Capitol was organized by the 12 Conroe/Lake Conroe, The Woodlands Area, Greater Magnolia Parkway, 13 Greater East Montgomery County, and Montgomery County Hispanic 14 Chambers of Commerce; members of each association work to improve 15 and strengthen economic development and the quality of life 16 throughout Montgomery County, which is one of the fastest-growing 17 counties in the nation; and

WHEREAS, The hardworking and forward-looking citizens of Montgomery County are building on a long tradition of excellence, and their history and achievements are indeed deserving of special recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas Legislature hereby recognize March 4, 2025, as Montgomery County Day at the State Capitol and extend to all participants sincere best wishes for a productive and enjoyable visit.

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