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H.R. No. 234

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Montague County are gathering in
2 Austin on February 18, 2025, in celebration of Montague County Day
3 at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated on the Red River in the Western Cross
5 Timbers of North Central Texas, this region was originally
6 inhabited by the Comanche, Wichita, and Kiowa Indians; in 1858, the
7 county was organized from portions of Cooke County and named for
8 Daniel Montague, surveyor of the Fannin Land District and veteran
9 of the Mexican War; when federal troops withdrew from the area
10 during the Civil War, Indian raids caused the population to decline
11 until the 1870s, when an organized effort was made to drive native
12 tribes from the county; by the early 1880s, the population had grown
13 to 11,000 people; and

14 WHEREAS, An abundance of grasslands attracted cattlemen to
15 the region in the 1860s, and the emergence of large cattle ranches
16 subsequently brought railroads to the county; by 1892, it was home
17 to three rail systems that contributed to the area's growth and
18 development as a center for agribusiness; in the early years, the
19 county's economy was dominated by cattle ranching and cotton
20 production, and in the 20th century, it expanded to incorporate
21 other crops, as well as oil and gas production; and

22 WHEREAS, Today, Montague County is home to more than 20,000
23 people, and its economy benefits from the retail, health care, and
24 educational services industries; notable communities include the

1 county seat of Montague, as well as Saint Jo, Bowie, and Nocona,
2 where the Nocona Boot Company was established in 1887; residents
3 and visitors alike benefit from the recreational opportunities
4 afforded by Lake Nocona and Amon G. Carter Lake, and outdoor
5 enthusiasts are drawn to the area for activities such as boating,
6 fishing, and hunting; it also hosts a number of annual events, among
7 them the Chisholm Trail Rodeo, the Jim Bowie Days Rodeo, and the
8 Chicken and Bread Days Heritage Festival; and

9 WHEREAS, The people of Montague County take great pride in
10 their rich history as they work together to build an even brighter
11 future, and it is indeed fitting to honor them for their unique
12 contributions to the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
14 Legislature hereby recognize February 18, 2025, as Montague County
15 Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting
16 delegation.