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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud citizens from Denton County are gathering in
2 Austin on April 2 and 3, 2025, to celebrate Denton County Days at
3 the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Located in North Texas and serving as the gateway to
5 the Dallas-Fort Worth area, Denton County was created from the
6 Peters colony grant by the Texas Legislature in 1846 and named for
7 pioneer preacher, lawyer, and soldier John Bunyan Denton; the early
8 years of the county saw its emergence as an agricultural center, and
9 the arrival of the railroads in the 1880s ensured that the region's
10 wheat and cotton would find distribution across the country; and

11 WHEREAS, The county has experienced remarkable growth in
12 recent years, and with a population of more than one million and an
13 estimated 90 people moving in each day, Denton is one of the
14 fastest-growing counties in the nation; it continues to expand job
15 opportunities for its residents, maintaining a low unemployment
16 rate, and its welcoming business climate has drawn a number of
17 corporations as well, including Sally Beauty Holdings, Target,
18 WinCo, Safran, and Peterbilt Motors; and

19 WHEREAS, The city of Denton, the county seat, is home to the
20 University of North Texas and Texas Woman's University, which were
21 founded as Texas Normal College and Girls' Industrial College in
22 1890 and 1903, respectively; nearby Corinth hosts the largest
23 campus of North Central Texas College, which offers technical and
24 occupational classes to residents throughout the county and beyond,

1 and the area is further served by 11 public school districts
2 educating thousands of young Texans; and

3 WHEREAS, Outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy the wilderness of the
4 North Texas Greenbelt and recreational opportunities afforded by
5 Lakes Grapevine, Lewisville, and Ray Roberts; other attractions
6 include the Denton County Historical Park, the architecture of the
7 Denton County Courthouse-on-the-Square, and the North Texas
8 Fairgrounds, which is home to the North Texas Fair & Rodeo;
9 moreover, the county is part of North Texas Horse Country, which is
10 one of the largest regions for horse breeding and training in the
11 southwestern United States; the county also boasts the
12 second-largest sports facility in the nation, the Texas Motor
13 Speedway, which draws hundreds of thousands of race fans each year,
14 as well as the PGA of America national headquarters; and

15 WHEREAS, The citizens of this notable North Texas county are
16 working to preserve the best of their past even as they look forward
17 to a bright and promising future, and they are sure to figure
18 prominently in the story of the Lone Star State in the years ahead;
19 now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
21 Legislature hereby recognize April 2 and 3, 2025, as Denton County
22 Days at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting
23 delegation.