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S.R. No. 132

SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the proud residents of Washington County who are visiting the State Capitol on February 26, 2025, to celebrate Washington County Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, In the early 1820s, members of Stephen F. Austin's Old Three Hundred began settling in the area and formed a community known as Washington-on-the-Brazos; the town became a major center of activity during the Texas Revolution and hosted the Convention of 1836, where delegates signed the Texas Declaration of Independence and drafted a constitution for the new republic; and

WHEREAS, Washington County was formally established in 1836, and from 1842 through 1845, Washington-on-the-Brazos served as the capital of the republic; the region attracted substantial immigration and developed quickly, and among the flow of newcomers were Germans, Czechs, and Poles, who began arriving in the mid-19th century; and

WHEREAS, Young Texans had several colleges to choose from in the county, including Baylor University, which was established in Independence in 1846, and Soule University, which eventually merged with other schools to become Southwestern University; the commitment to higher education continues to be carried on at Blinn College, which was founded in 1883 and is

located in Brenham, the county seat; and

WHEREAS, Washington County is a popular destination for tourists due to its natural beauty and its significant role in early Texas history; visitors can drive along scenic country roads, enjoy recreational activities at Somerville Lake, and explore the past at the Star of the Republic Museum in Washington-on-the-Brazos and at additional museums in Brenham, Burton, Chappell Hill, and Independence; and

WHEREAS, A vibrant gem of the Lone Star State, Washington County stands out for its rich history and lively community spirit, and it is indeed a pleasure to commend the leaders and residents of Washington County as they embrace a bright and promising future filled with opportunity; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby recognize February 26, 2025, as Washington County Day at the Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation heartfelt greetings and best wishes for a memorable and enjoyable visit; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the delegation as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.