

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Residents of Panola County are gathering at the  
2 State Capitol on February 20, 2007, to celebrate the history,  
3 culture, and beauty of their Piney Woods home; and

4           WHEREAS, Located in northeastern Texas on the border of  
5 Louisiana, Panola County covers more than 800 square miles of  
6 forests and rolling plains and is traversed from northwest to  
7 southeast by the Sabine River; once inhabited by two confederations  
8 of Native Americans, the Caddos and the Hasinai, the area  
9 experienced a land rush in the 1830s as settlers descended there  
10 from the Southern United States; on March 30, 1846, the Texas  
11 Legislature officially created Panola County, and two years later,  
12 voters chose Carthage as their county seat; and

13           WHEREAS, Farming and livestock drove the economy for many  
14 decades until the Great Depression caused nearly a third of the  
15 operations to close; after World War II, a booming oil and natural  
16 gas industry sustained the county while improvements to pastures  
17 and farms led to increased ranching and poultry farming; today,  
18 Panola County remains a strong source of agricultural products,  
19 including broilers, beef cattle, and hay, and it is one of the top  
20 producers of natural gas in the state; in addition, some  
21 quarter-million cubic feet of pinewood and hardwood are harvested  
22 each year; and

23           WHEREAS, Home to nearly 50 Texas Historical Commission  
24 markers, Panola County was the birthplace of several notable

1 Texans, including Margie Elizabeth Neal, the first woman elected to  
2 serve in the Texas Senate, and country music stars Tex Ritter and  
3 Jim Reeves; the Texas Country Music Hall of Fame, located in  
4 Carthage, honors the legacies of both these men, along with other  
5 country music legends from the state, and the town also boasts the  
6 Tex Ritter Museum and the Jim Reeves Memorial; and

7         WHEREAS, Opportunities for recreation can be found at Lake  
8 Murvaul, a popular spot for freshwater fishing, and at Martin Creek  
9 Lake State Park, which offers a variety of camping options; annual  
10 celebrations, including the East Texas Oil and Gas Blast and the  
11 Piney Woods Quilt Festival, draw people to Carthage from throughout  
12 the region; and

13         WHEREAS, The citizens of Panola County have long contributed  
14 to the prosperity and distinction of the Lone Star State, and they  
15 are truly deserving of special recognition; now, therefore, be it

16         RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas  
17 hereby declare February 20, 2007, as Panola County Day at the State  
18 Capitol and extend a warm welcome to all Panola County residents who  
19 are visiting here today.

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Craddick	Gattis	Miles
Allen	Geren	Miller
Alonzo	Giddings	Moreno
Anchia	Gonzales	Morrison
Anderson	Gonzalez Toureilles	Mowery
Aycock	Goolsby	Murphy
Bailey	Guillen	Naishtat
Berman	Haggerty	Noriega
Bohac	Hamilton	O'Day
Bolton	Hancock	Oliveira
Bonnen	Hardcastle	Olivo
Branch	Harless	Orr
Brown of Kaufman	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Brazos	Hartnett	Otto
Burnam	Heflin	Parker
Callegari	Hernandez	Patrick
Castro	Herrero	Paxton
Chavez	Hilderbran	Pena
Chisum	Hill	Phillips
Christian	Hochberg	Pickett
Cohen	Hodge	Pierson
Coleman	Homer	Pitts
Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Puente
Cook of Colorado	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Corte	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Crabb	Hughes	Riddle
Creighton	Isett	Ritter
Crownover	Jackson	Rodriguez
Darby	Jones	Rose
Davis of Harris	Keffer	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Parker	Smith of Harris
Delisi	King of Taylor	Smithee
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Solomons
Driver	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dukes	Krusee	Straus
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Latham	Talton
Eiland	Laubenberg	Taylor
Eissler	Leibowitz	Thompson
Elkins	Lucio III	Truitt
England	Macias	Turner
Escobar	Madden	Van Arsdale
Farabee	Mallory Caraway	Vaught
Farias	Martinez	Veasey
Farrar	Martinez Fischer	Villarreal
Flores	McCall	Vo
Flynn	McClendon	West
Frost	McReynolds	Woolley
Gallego	Menendez	Zedler
Garcia	Merritt	Zerwas

David Newkirk  
President of the Senate

Jim Collier  
Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 85 was adopted by the House on February 20, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Robert Haney  
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 85 was adopted by the Senate on February 28, 2007, by a viva-voce vote.

Patsy Spaul  
Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 12 MAR '07

Date

RICK PERRY  
Governor

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
O'CLOCK

ROGER QUINN  
Secretary of State