

The State of Texas



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Residents of Central Texas are coming together for the inauguration of the Gillespie County Rural Schools Trail on April 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, This special event is sponsored by the Friends of Gillespie County Country Schools, Inc., a nonprofit organization that strives to preserve the traditions of the historic schoolhouses of Cave Creek, Crabapple, Cherry Spring, Lower South Grape Creek, Luckenbach, Meusebach Creek, Nebgen, Pecan Creek, Rheingold, Williams Creek, Willow City, and Wrede; and

WHEREAS, Due in large measure to the determined efforts of the Friends, the rural school properties were donated to the organization after the passage of Proposition 13 on the November 6, 2001, ballot, which was overwhelmingly approved by Texas voters; and

WHEREAS, The Friends have raised both awareness and much-needed funds for their worthy cause in the past seven years; beginning in 2001, the group has published calendars featuring a number of the schools, has prepared a rural school float that has appeared in numerous parades, and has hosted annual open houses at the properties; moreover, by publicizing the schools' rich history through stories in the media and through exhibits at banks, stores, the Gillespie County Fair, and other events, members have ensured that area citizens understand the importance of preserving these institutions, which remain in use today as local community centers; and

WHEREAS, Among its many achievements, the organization succeeded in earning the schools' placement on the National Register of Historic Places, and the presentation of markers is being celebrated in conjunction with the inauguration of the Gillespie County Rural Schools Trail; and

WHEREAS, The unique and colorful history of the Lone Star State is a vital part of our shared culture, and the preservation of the state's historic sites is a cause that all Texans may support and applaud; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the inauguration of the Gillespie County Rural Schools Trail be commemorated and that the members of the Friends of Gillespie County Country Schools who have worked to bring this project to fruition be extended sincere appreciation for their significant public service.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Carter Casteel", is written over a horizontal line.

Carter Casteel
State Representative
District 73