

Resolution

Whereas, the Brazos River is the longest river in the State of Texas, with a watershed stretching from New Mexico to the Gulf of Mexico; intertwined with Texas history, the Brazos River was well-known to early Spanish explorers, who called it "Los Brazos de Dios" or "the arms of God" and

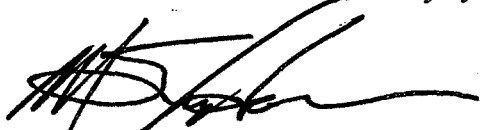
Whereas, In its 849 mile journey from the confluence of the Salt and Double Mountain Forks in Stonewall County, the Brazos crosses most of the physiographic regions of Texas, including the High Plains, The West Texas Rolling Plains, The Western Cross Timbers area, The Grand Prairie, and the Gulf Coastal Plains; one of the most beautiful stretches between Possum Kingdom Reservoir and Lake Whitney was immortalized by John Graves in his acclaimed and enduringly popular book "Goodbye to a River". First published in 1960; the 79th legislature of the State of Texas recognized the author's contributions to literature and to public awareness of the Brazos by designating as the John Graves Scenic Riverway, the portion of the river basin downstream of the Morris Sheppard Dam to the county line between Parker and Hood Counties.

Whereas, equally picturesque is the continuation of the Brazos as it meanders through the east central portion of Hood County making up Lake Granbury and providing everything from 130 miles of beautiful shoreline as home and recreation sites, to the natural tree lined boundary of Pecan Plantation where Hood and Johnson, and Hood and Somerville Counties meet. The landscape in this area is well suited for families and is characterized by vistas of rocky hills and small fertile valleys inhabited by a variety of wildlife, such as white tailed deer, wild turkey, fox, rabbits golden eagles, horned owls, and water fowl. Visitors and tourists to this area can witness some of the State's most vibrant fall colors and enjoy an abundance of wildflowers in the spring; and

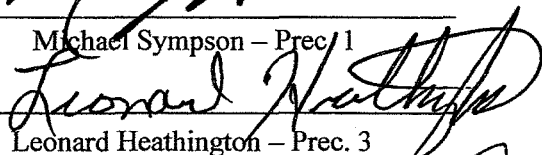
Whereas, generations of Texans have rejoiced in the unforgettable beauty of the Brazos River Basin in Hood County, and nearly a half century after Mr. John Graves wrote his eloquent tribute, this part of the Brazos remains a national treasure, now, therefore be it

Resolved, that Hood County, as a duly recognized County in good standing with the State of Texas and it's Legislative leaders, does hereby recognize the section of the Brazos River Basin herein defined within the confines and recognized borders of Hood County, as a formal and contiguous extension of the John Graves Scenic Waterway.

Be it resolved on this 13th day of July in the year 2009 and witnessed by the Commissioner's Court of Hood County by the signatures affixed below.



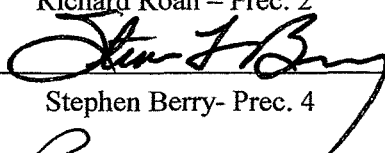
Michael Sympton - Prec. 1



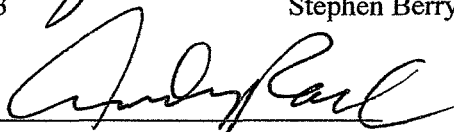
Leonard Heathington - Prec. 3



Richard Roan - Prec. 2



Stephen Berry - Prec. 4



Andy Rash - County Judge