

By: Thompson of Brazoria

H.R. No. 1484

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the
2 87th Texas Legislature are pleased to recognize Brazoria County and
3 to honor its residents for the important contributions they are
4 making to the Lone Star State; and

5 WHEREAS, This section of coastal prairie along the Brazos
6 River was settled in the 1820s by members of Stephen F. Austin's Old
7 Three Hundred; Henry Smith of Brazoria served as the first
8 American-born governor of the Mexican territory of Texas and as a
9 leader of the movement for independence; the town of Columbia was
10 the capital of Texas during the first Texas Congress, and in 1836,
11 Brazoria County became one of the original counties established by
12 the new republic; and

13 WHEREAS, Farming and ranching initially constituted the
14 mainstays of the county's economy; the discovery of oil and sulfur
15 deposits in the early 20th century helped the region grow, and
16 chemical processing became increasingly important during World
17 War II and after; commercial fishing and the recreation industry
18 have helped to ensure continuing economic development; and

19 WHEREAS, Today, the numerous cities and towns of Brazoria
20 County boast excellent schools and affordable housing; visitors and
21 residents alike take great pleasure in miles of sandy beaches, bay
22 and offshore fishing, scuba diving, outstanding bird-watching, and
23 the Brazoria and San Bernard National Wildlife Refuges; the county
24 is also home to such attractions as the Varner-Hogg Plantation

1 State Historic Site, and the county seat of Angleton traditionally
2 hosts the Brazoria County Fair, one of the largest events of its
3 kind in Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, The educational opportunities available to students
5 at Alvin Community College, Brazosport College, and the University
6 of Houston-Clear Lake Pearland Campus further enhance the quality
7 of life in the county; and

8 WHEREAS, The largest chemical complex in North America, the
9 Texas Gulf Coast Regional Airport, and a flourishing health care
10 industry are among the major contributors to economic growth in the
11 county, and Port Freeport, ranked 10th in chemicals, 19th in total
12 tonnage, and 26th in containers in the United States, is one of the
13 fastest-growing ports on the Gulf Coast; and

14 WHEREAS, The people of Brazoria County take great pride in
15 their rich history as they work together to build an even brighter
16 future, and it is indeed appropriate to take this opportunity to
17 honor them; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
19 Legislature hereby recognize Brazoria County and extend to its
20 citizens sincere best wishes for the future.