

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The City of Giddings dedicated February 1, 2023, as  
2 Marshall and Charles Etta Francis Family Day, providing a fitting  
3 opportunity to recognize these outstanding Texans; and

4           WHEREAS, Marshall and Charles Etta Francis are the proud  
5 parents of four sons, Tony, Michael, Brian, and the late Elton  
6 Francis, who passed away in 2006; the Francises settled in Giddings  
7 in 1975, and each member of the family has made notable  
8 contributions to the community over the past 47 years; and

9           WHEREAS, Charles Etta Francis was employed as a teacher's  
10 aide at Giddings State School for two decades, and she has worked  
11 tirelessly to benefit the wider community; she has played an  
12 instrumental role in fundraising initiatives for Texas Relay for  
13 Life, and she served as the team captain of Churches Coming Together  
14 to Kick Out Cancer in 2022; she was named Outstanding Citizen of the  
15 Year by the City of Giddings in 2004; and

16           WHEREAS, Marshall Francis retired as a tech sergeant in the  
17 U.S. Air Force in 1975, after 20 years of dedicated service; he  
18 later worked as a supervisor at the Giddings State School for more  
19 than two decades, and he served two terms as an elected member of  
20 the Giddings School Board; in addition, Mr. and Mrs. Francis were  
21 longtime co-owners of C.E.F. Floral; and

22           WHEREAS, Elton Francis graduated from Giddings High School in  
23 1977 and went on to serve in the U.S. Air Force; he attended Texas  
24 State University and participated in the track team, holding the

1 100-meter record for more than 40 years; in 1980, he qualified in  
2 the U.S. Track and Field Olympic trials; he enjoyed a rewarding  
3 career with the Texas School for the Deaf, and he served as a track  
4 coach for youth in Lee County; and

5 WHEREAS, After graduating from Giddings High School in 1979,  
6 Tony Francis joined the U.S. Army; he later retired from a 29-year  
7 career at Giddings State School, and he worked in the Parks and  
8 Maintenance Department for the City of Giddings; since 1982, he and  
9 his wife have mentored several generations of area youth as coaches  
10 for the Lee County Express Track Club; currently, he co-owns  
11 Francis Lawn Care Service, and he serves as a board member for the  
12 Giddings Economic Development Corporation; and

13 WHEREAS, A 1980 graduate of Giddings High School, Michael  
14 Francis ran track at Texas State University, where he earned a  
15 bachelor's degree in finance and a master's degree in business  
16 administration; he has held a number of leadership positions in  
17 finance and human resources with major companies as well as the  
18 federal government; today, he is employed as a management  
19 consultant in Travis, Lee, Williamson, and Bastrop Counties; and

20 WHEREAS, Brian Francis graduated from Giddings High School in  
21 1983 and later earned a bachelor's degree in finance from Texas  
22 State University as well as a master's degree in business  
23 administration from St. Edward's University; following a  
24 three-decade career with the State of Texas, he retired as  
25 executive director of the Texas Department of Licensing and  
26 Regulation in 2022; he has been an active supporter of human rights,  
27 executive leadership, and child trafficking prevention

1 initiatives, and he has served on a number of state and local  
2 boards, including the Texas State University Development  
3 Foundation Board of Trustees; and

4 WHEREAS, The members of the Francis family have made a  
5 meaningful difference in the Giddings community and beyond, and  
6 they may indeed take great pride in their many accomplishments;  
7 now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby honor the Francis family of Giddings on the  
10 occasion of Marshall and Charles Etta Francis Family Day and extend  
11 to them sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for the Francis family as an expression of high regard by  
14 the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 138

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 138 was adopted by the House on March 8, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House