

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud citizens of Mesquite are gathering in Austin
2 on April 12, 2023, to celebrate Mesquite Day at the State Capitol;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Located in Dallas and Kaufman Counties, Mesquite
5 started as a depot town by the Texas and Pacific Railway in May
6 1873; named after nearby Mesquite Creek, the city was officially
7 incorporated on December 3, 1887, and it largely had an agrarian
8 economy in its early days, growing cotton, hay, corn, and sugar; and

9 WHEREAS, Today, Mesquite is a vibrant and diverse city with a
10 population of some 152,000; part of the Dallas-Fort Worth
11 metroplex, the town boasts a welcoming business environment
12 facilitated by easy access to four major highways, the Mesquite
13 Metro Airport, and the Union Pacific Intermodal; and

14 WHEREAS, Local industry encompasses chemical products, food
15 and beverage distribution, e-commerce, production technology, and
16 creative products; the city also serves as a regional retail hub
17 that is anchored by Town East Mall, and it is home to the Dallas
18 Regional Medical Center and two of the largest furniture producers
19 in the state, including Ashley Furniture Industries; in recent
20 years, the company has embarked on an expansion that will
21 ultimately result in a 1,577,000-square-foot regional
22 manufacturing, distribution, and fulfillment center and more than
23 300 additional jobs in Mesquite; and

24 WHEREAS, The community benefits from the educational

1 opportunities provided by the Mesquite Independent School District
2 and the Dallas College Eastfield Campus; residents and visitors
3 alike enjoy the recreational opportunities afforded by the Mesquite
4 Golf Club as well as access to more than 70 public parks and 17 miles
5 of public trails connecting to Dallas and Garland; the Mesquite
6 Arts Center, which opened in December 1995, is a 36,700-square-foot
7 arts facility that houses a music performance hall, black box
8 theater, rehearsal hall, and galleries; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1993, the 73rd Texas Legislature recognized
10 Mesquite as the Rodeo Capital of Texas; each year, the city hosts
11 the Mesquite Championship Rodeo, which was established in 1958 and
12 has been recognized by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association
13 with its Small Rodeo of the Year Award; moreover, the town boasts
14 two professional sports teams, the Mesquite Outlaws and the Dallas
15 Outlaws; and

16 WHEREAS, The citizens of Mesquite take great pleasure in the
17 city's high quality of life, and they continue to make vital
18 contributions to the Lone Star State as they look forward to a
19 promising future; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
21 Legislature hereby recognize April 12, 2023, as Mesquite Day at the
22 State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting delegation.

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Goldman	Morales of Maverick	Walle
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H.R. No. 972

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 972 was adopted by the House on April 12, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House