

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The State of Texas has a rich cultural heritage, and
2 its cemeteries serve as a tangible link to its history; and

3 WHEREAS, As Texas has grown and become urbanized, some of the
4 state's cemeteries have been lost or forgotten, and their
5 accompanying grave markers, if they were ever placed, have decayed
6 or have gone missing; remembering and identifying these sites is
7 vital to understanding the lives and legacies of those interred in
8 them; and

9 WHEREAS, Across the state, there are a number of well-known
10 unmarked cemeteries, including the Freedmen's Cemetery in Dallas,
11 which served as a burial place for formerly enslaved people; there
12 are numerous other cemeteries that were used for the burial of
13 African Americans and Black Americans who lived under segregation,
14 including Horst Plantation Cemetery in Austin and Oakwood Cemetery
15 in Tyler; and

16 WHEREAS, Many cemeteries remain unknown and unmarked, making
17 it difficult to preserve them, and the observance of Unmarked
18 Cemetery Day on May 3, 2023, serves to raise awareness of the need
19 to identify and protect these important historical sites and to
20 honor the memories of those Texans whose final resting places have
21 been forgotten; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
2 Legislature hereby recognize May 3, 2023, as Unmarked Cemetery Day
3 and commend all those who are dedicated to the documentation and
4 preservation of Texas's historic cemeteries.

Bowers

Phelan	Guerra	Murr
Allen	Guillen	Neave Criado
Allison	Harless	Noble
Anchía	Harris of Anderson	Oliverson
Anderson	Harris of Williamson	Ordaz
Ashby	Harrison	Orr
Bailes	Hayes	Ortega
Bell of Kaufman	Hefner	Patterson
Bell of Montgomery	Hernandez	Paul
Bernal	Herrero	Perez
Bhojani	Hinojosa	Plesa
Bonnen	Holland	Price
Bowers	Howard	Ramos
Bryant	Hull	Raney
Buckley	Hunter	Raymond
Bucy	Isaac	Reynolds
Bumgarner	Jetton	Rogers
Burns	Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Burrows	A. Johnson of Harris	Rose
Button	J. Johnson of Harris	Rosenthal
Cain	Jones of Dallas	Schaefer
Campos	Jones of Harris	Schatzline
Canales	Kacal	Schofield
Capriglione	King of Hemphill	Shaheen
Clardy	King of Uvalde	Sherman, Sr.
Cole	Kitzman	Shine
Collier	Klick	Slaton
Cook	Kuempel	Slawson
Cortez	Lalani	Smith
Craddick	Lambert	Smithee
Cunningham	Landgraf	Spiller
Darby	Leach	Stucky
Davis	Leo-Wilson	Swanson
Dean	Longoria	Talarico
DeAyala	Lopez of Bexar	Tepper
Dorazio	Lopez of Cameron	Thierry
Dutton	Lozano	Thimesch
Flores	Lujan	Thompson of Brazoria
Frank	Manuel	Thompson of Harris
Frazier	Martinez	Tinderholt
Gamez	Martinez Fischer	Toth
Garcia	Metcalf	Troxclair
Gates	Meyer	Turner
Gerdes	Meza	VanDeaver
Geren	Moody	Vasut
Gervin-Hawkins	Morales of Harris	Vo
Goldman	Morales of Maverick	Walle
González of Dallas	Morales Shaw	Wilson
González of El Paso	Morrison	Wu
Goodwin	Muñoz, Jr.	Zwiener

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1311 was adopted by the House on May 3, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House