

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Missouri City Juneteenth Celebration Foundation
2 is hosting its 2023 Juneteenth Celebration from June 9 to 17; and

3 WHEREAS, The Emancipation Proclamation was promulgated on
4 January 1, 1863, but it would not be enforced in Texas until after
5 the Civil War; on June 19, 1865, Major General Gordon Granger of the
6 Union Army arrived in Galveston and that same day issued General
7 Order No. 3, declaring the freedom of all those held in bondage;
8 emancipated men and women marked the first anniversary of this date
9 in 1866, and over the years, Juneteenth became a proud celebration
10 of a momentous milestone in this nation's history; in 1979, Texas
11 became the first state to make the celebration an official holiday,
12 and a bill was passed in Congress in 2021 that established
13 Juneteenth as a federal holiday; and

14 WHEREAS, The Missouri City Juneteenth Celebration Foundation
15 was established in 2002 with the goals of organizing culturally
16 relevant activities, creating programs to nurture young talent, and
17 bringing together families from all backgrounds in a wholesome and
18 inspiring setting; today, the program has grown to encompass a wide
19 variety of activities, including a kick-off reception, a parade, a
20 community service awards gala, and a golf tournament as well as
21 musical performances; the Freedom Tree, located in Freedom Tree
22 Park, serves as a focal point and symbol of African American
23 resilience; and

24 WHEREAS, The much-anticipated Juneteenth celebration in

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1 Missouri City provides a fitting opportunity to reflect on African
2 Americans' long road to freedom and to recognize their immeasurable
3 contributions to the building of this country over the centuries;
4 now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
6 Legislature hereby commemorate the 2023 Missouri City Juneteenth
7 Celebration and extend to all those participating sincere best
8 wishes for a memorable and meaningful event.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1744 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House