

By: Smith of Harris

H.R. No. 187

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, This chamber places great importance on enhancing
2 the prosperity of the Lone Star State through economic development
3 and tourism and wishes to recognize the potential of Houston's
4 Bayou Bowl in this regard; and

5 WHEREAS, A showcase of great football talent, the inaugural
6 Bayou Bowl was played on June 21, 2003, pitting the Houston-Area
7 High School All-Stars against the State of Louisiana High School
8 All-Stars; this exciting event drew more than 8,500 visitors from
9 Texas and Louisiana to the Houston area and was televised by Fox
10 Sports Net across five states; and

11 WHEREAS, The Bayou Bowl was sponsored by the Greater Houston
12 Football Coaches Association, with support from the Harris County
13 Houston Sports Authority, and was played at Baytown's Stallworth
14 Stadium; proceeds from the game were dedicated to college
15 scholarships and to the further development of high school student
16 athletics; and

17 WHEREAS, Texas enjoys wide renown for its high school
18 football, and events such as the Bayou Bowl offer tremendous
19 benefits to the state's educational facilities and businesses by
20 attracting tourist dollars; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
22 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby recognize the importance of
23 the Bayou Bowl to the state and encourage all oversight and
24 governing bodies to embrace and support this event.