

By: Berman

H.C.R. No. 25

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, On February 24-26, 2003, many proud residents of
2 Tyler will be in Austin to celebrate Tyler Days at the State
3 Capitol, and this festive occasion offers an ideal opportunity to
4 extol the city's many virtues; and

5 WHEREAS, Nestled among the Piney Woods of East Texas, Tyler's
6 great natural beauty goes hand in hand with the energy and amenities
7 of a bustling modern city, and its residents take justifiable pride
8 in their remarkable hometown; and

9 WHEREAS, Tyler has through the years benefited greatly from
10 the region's abundant natural resources, and agriculture has long
11 provided a strong foundation for the local economy; cotton was
12 originally the predominant cash crop, but by the turn of the century
13 the area was shipping 100 railroad cars of peaches a day and more
14 strawberries than the rest of the state combined; and

15 WHEREAS, A devastating peach blight in 1902 soon revealed
16 itself a blessing in disguise, as farmers turned to growing roses
17 that are now Tyler's most famous export; by the 1940s, more than
18 half the nation's rosebushes came from Tyler, and today the city is
19 renowned as the home of the Texas Rose Festival and the Municipal
20 Rose Garden and Museum; and

21 WHEREAS, In 1930, the area's sandy loam yielded up a
22 different kind of bounty when the East Texas oil field was
23 discovered, and the petroleum industry quickly became a mainstay of
24 the local economy, joined more recently by manufacturing and the

1 timber industry; and

2 WHEREAS, Tyler is also acknowledged to be the area's
3 preeminent medical and educational center, and the presence of
4 numerous state-of-the-art health care facilities contributes
5 greatly to the well-being of local citizens, while the city's
6 top-flight colleges and university open new vistas of learning and
7 opportunity to thousands of students each year; and

8 WHEREAS, The city's recreational options are many and varied,
9 and visitors may choose between such diverse and appealing
10 destinations as the Caldwell Zoo, the Carnegie History Center,
11 Hudnall Planetarium, and the Tyler Museum of Art, while fishing and
12 boating enthusiasts can pursue their pleasures at Lakes Palestine,
13 Tyler, and Tyler East; and

14 WHEREAS, Tyler's greatest asset continues to be its dynamic
15 and friendly citizens, and even as they look back with pride and
16 affection on the city's notable past, they eagerly embrace the
17 challenges and opportunities that lie ahead; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
19 hereby recognize February 24-26, 2003, as Tyler Days at the State
20 Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the Tyler delegation; and, be
21 it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for the delegation as an expression of high regard by the
24 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.