

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, On February 25, 2003, many fine Texans have traveled  
2 to Austin to celebrate Beaumont Day at the State Capitol, and it is  
3 a privilege to welcome them at this time; and

4           WHEREAS, Situated along the west bank of the Neches River,  
5 just 30 miles upstream from the Gulf of Mexico, Beaumont was made  
6 the seat of Jefferson County in 1838; throughout the remainder of  
7 the 19th century, the community developed as a trading center for  
8 lumber, cattle, and agricultural products; and

9           WHEREAS, The Anthony F. Lucas Gusher erupted at Spindletop  
10 Hill, just south of Beaumont, on January 10, 1901, and changed the  
11 course of history for this Southeast Texas town; in the years that  
12 followed, some 600 oil companies were created in the city,  
13 including such industry leaders as Texaco, Exxon, and Mobil Oil,  
14 and Beaumont became one of the state's most important oil-producing  
15 centers; and

16           WHEREAS, The Spindletop-Gladys City Boomtown Museum  
17 commemorates this event and provides visitors with a glimpse of  
18 what life was like in the world's first oil boomtown; the museum  
19 site features a post office, saloon, livery stable, blacksmith  
20 shop, and surveyor's office all in typical clapboard style, as well  
21 as wooden oil derricks and a monument to the Lucas Gusher; and

22           WHEREAS, While based in large part on the petroleum and  
23 petrochemical industries, Beaumont's economy also encompasses  
24 shipbuilding and port activities, government offices and services,

1 and rice milling; and

2 WHEREAS, Rich in history, Beaumont is committed to preserving  
3 its heritage for both residents and visitors alike; among the  
4 city's many attractions are the Babe Didrikson Zaharias Museum and  
5 Visitors Center, the Clifton Steamboat Museum, the French Historic  
6 House and Museum, the Texas Energy Museum, the Tyrrell Historical  
7 Library, and numerous art galleries; and

8 WHEREAS, An educational as well as cultural center, Beaumont  
9 is home to the main campus of Lamar University, whose extensive  
10 contributions to the city's vitality include a well-regarded and  
11 thriving film festival; in addition, the city serves as a base for  
12 numerous outdoor pursuits, with the internationally acclaimed Big  
13 Thicket National Preserve offering myriad opportunities for  
14 relaxation and enjoyment; and

15 WHEREAS, Blessed with an abundance of natural resources and a  
16 dedicated citizenry, the city of Beaumont is destined to continue  
17 on its path to success, and its residents can undoubtedly look  
18 forward to a bright and promising future for their community; now,  
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
21 Legislature hereby recognize February 25, 2003, as Beaumont Day at  
22 the State Capitol and extend to the delegation with us today sincere  
23 best wishes for a memorable and meaningful visit.

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Craddick	Giddings	Merritt
Allen	Goodman	Miller
Alonzo	Goolsby	Moreno of Harris
Bailey	Griggs	Moreno of El Paso
Baxter	Grusendorf	Morrison
Berman	Guillen	Mowery
Bohac	Gutierrez	Naishtat
Bonnen	Haggerty	Nixon
Branch	Hamilton	Noriega
Brown of Kaufman	Hamric	Oliveira
Brown of Brazos	Hardcastle	Olivo
Burnam	Harper-Brown	Paxton
Callegari	Hartnett	Pena
Campbell	Heflin	Phillips
Canales	Hegar	Pickett
Capelo	Hilderbran	Pitts
Casteel	Hill	Puente
Castro	Hochberg	Quintanilla
Chavez	Hodge	Rangel
Chisum	Homer	Raymond
Christian	Hope	Reyna
Coleman	Hopson	Riddle
Cook of Navarro	Howard	Ritter
Cook of Colorado	Hughes	Rodriguez
Corte	Hunter	Rose
Crabb	Hupp	Seaman
Crownover	Isett	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Harris	Jones of Lubbock	Smith of Harris
Davis of Dallas	Jones of Bexar	Smithee
Dawson	Jones of Dallas	Solis
Delisi	Keel	Solomons
Denny	Keffer of Dallas	Stick
Deshotel	Keffer of Eastland	Swinford
Driver	King	Talton
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Taylor
Dunnam	Krusee	Telford
Dutton	Kuempel	Thompson
Edwards	Laney	Truitt
Eiland	Laubenberg	Turner
Eissler	Lewis	Uresti
Elkins	Luna	Van Arsdale
Ellis	Mabry	Villarreal
Farabee	Madden	West
Farrar	Marchant	Wilson
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Wise
Flynn	McCall	Wohlgemuth
Gallego	McClendon	Wolens
Garza	McReynolds	Wong
Gattis	Menendez	Woolley
Geren	Mercer	Zedler

H.R. No. 241

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 241 was adopted by the House on  
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Chief Clerk of the House