

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Many proud residents of Pittsburg are in Austin  
2 today, February 19, 2003, to celebrate Pittsburg Day at the State  
3 Capitol; and

4           WHEREAS, The county seat of Camp County, Pittsburg is also  
5 the oldest city in the county; the town was officially named in  
6 honor of the family of William Harrison Pitts when the post office  
7 was established in 1855, and the loose confederation of farmers and  
8 traders who inhabited the area began to settle in earnest; and

9           WHEREAS, With the arrival of railroads in northeast Texas  
10 during the 1870s, Pittsburg residents found themselves at the  
11 crossroads of two rail lines; the East Line and Red River Railroad  
12 ran east-west tracks and the Texas and St. Louis Railway ran  
13 north-south, with Pittsburg at the heart of a bustling new shipping  
14 and supply network; and

15           WHEREAS, Rail connections and abundant timber in the area  
16 generated a prosperous commodity exchange, and soon the town was  
17 filled with sawmills, builders, and shopkeepers; the local  
18 newspaper, the *Pittsburg Gazette*, began publication in 1884 and has  
19 documented the town's successful course through the years ever  
20 since; and

21           WHEREAS, Today, Pittsburg continues to enjoy a steady economy  
22 based on agriculture, lumber, and light manufacturing; much of the  
23 land surrounding the town is still thickly forested, and the area  
24 offers some of the best bass lakes in Texas; and

1           WHEREAS, In the old Cotton Belt Railroad depot, the Northeast  
2 Texas Rural Heritage Center & Museum exhibits a variety of historic  
3 photos and artifacts, including the Ezekiel Airship, a replica of  
4 what purportedly is the first flying machine; a walk among the  
5 vintage buildings downtown gives eloquent testimony to the charm  
6 and grace of the past, which Pittsburg has preserved so well; and

7           WHEREAS, The residents of Pittsburg can reflect on their  
8 community's history with great pride, and they can look forward  
9 with great expectations to what will undoubtedly be a bright  
10 future; now, therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby recognize February 19, 2003, as Pittsburg Day at  
13 the State Capitol and extend to its residents sincere best wishes  
14 for success and happiness in the future.

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H.R. No. 266

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 266 was adopted by the House on  
February 19, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House