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H.R. No. 286

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Texans from the cities of La Porte, Morgan's Point,
2 and Shoreacres are visiting the State Capitol on February 20, 2003,
3 to celebrate the many fine attributes of these Gulf Coast
4 communities; and

5 WHEREAS, Situated a short distance east of Houston, the
6 cities offer residents both the advantages of small-town life and
7 the nearby amenities of a large metropolis; and

8 WHEREAS, The La Porte-Bayshore Chamber of Commerce ably
9 promotes the economic development of these fine communities;
10 established in 1922 to serve the city of La Porte, the chamber took
11 its new name in 1972 when it expanded to include Morgan's Point,
12 Shoreacres, and Lomax, a town that later merged with La Porte;
13 employing three professional staff members and drawing strength
14 from a vast body of volunteers, the chamber maintains a coordinated
15 economic development strategy for the area, promotes the value of
16 local businesses to the community, and strives to address issues of
17 concern to local businesses; and

18 WHEREAS, Each spring, the chamber also sponsors the hugely
19 popular Sylvan Beach Festival and Crawfish Jam; now in its 47th
20 year, the festival takes place at Sylvan Beach Park, site of a
21 renowned resort/dance pavilion in the 1920s and 1930s; bands that
22 once performed at the park include those of Rudy Vallee, Phil
23 Harris, and Benny Goodman; and

24 WHEREAS, Members of the La Porte-Bayshore Chamber of Commerce

1 and their fellow citizens are proud of their achievements and are
2 looking forward with confidence to the challenges and opportunities
3 that lie ahead; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
5 Legislature hereby recognize February 20, 2003, as La
6 Porte/Morgan's Point/Shoreacres Day at the State Capitol and extend
7 to all those in attendance today best wishes for an enjoyable and
8 memorable visit.