

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Many proud residents of Brazoria County will be in
2 Austin on March 18, 2003, to celebrate Brazoria County Day at the
3 Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Officially created in 1836, Brazoria County has long
5 been a center of agriculture and livestock production and has more
6 recently prospered in the banking, oil and gas, and chemical
7 processing industries; the county has also been blessed with a
8 deepwater seaport and 20 miles of natural beach; and

9 WHEREAS, Located along the Gulf Coast, this geographically
10 diverse region was once inhabited by members of the Karankawa tribe
11 before being settled by Stephen F. Austin's "Old Three Hundred" in
12 the early 1820s; the county is also the site of General Santa Anna's
13 signing of the Treaties of Velasco, which effectively granted Texas
14 its independence; and

15 WHEREAS, Home of both the Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge
16 and the San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge, this notable Texas
17 county boasts some of the state's most spectacular flora and fauna
18 as well as excellent opportunities for hunting and fishing; and

19 WHEREAS, Angleton, the county seat, features the outstanding
20 Brazoria County Historical Museum, which is dedicated to
21 documenting the county's unique past and its continued growth; the
22 museum has several Native American exhibits and also displays an
23 authentic plantation bedroom; and

24 WHEREAS, Home of baseball Hall of Famer Nolan Ryan, Brazoria

1 County is a close-knit community of nine cities; each October,
2 citizens join together to host the popular Brazoria County Fair, an
3 event that attracts visitors from throughout the state and around
4 the world; and

5 WHEREAS, The residents of Brazoria County are justifiably
6 proud of their county, for this noteworthy region and its
7 exceptional citizens have played a significant role in Texas'
8 development, and their many contributions to the Lone Star State
9 are truly worthy of special recognition; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
11 Legislature hereby recognize March 18, 2003, as Brazoria County Day
12 at the Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the fine citizens who
13 have traveled to Austin to celebrate this occasion; and, be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for prominent display in Brazoria County as an expression
17 of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 503

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 503 was adopted by the House on March 18, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House