

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The residents of the city of Longview have for more
2 than a century committed themselves to the pursuit of excellence,
3 and these outstanding Texans have made many important contributions
4 to the culture and economy of the Lone Star State; and

5 WHEREAS, Longview, which today serves as the county seat of
6 Gregg County, was founded in 1871, shortly after O. H. Methvin
7 deeded 100 acres of land to the Southern Pacific Railroad; within a
8 few short years the city became an important transportation center,
9 moving enormous quantities of such key commodities as timber, iron
10 ore, cotton, and agricultural crops throughout the South; and

11 WHEREAS, This runaway economic growth came to a temporary
12 halt during the Great Depression due to the economic conditions of
13 the time as well as to the changing nature of the railroad business;
14 its citizens would not be discouraged for long, however, as in the
15 early 1930s the area was transformed by the discovery of oil--the
16 world's largest oil field known to exist at that time; and

17 WHEREAS, During World War II, Longview residents provided
18 uniquely critical support to the United States military; in 1942
19 they helped to build the Big Inch pipeline, which over the next
20 three years would transport more than 261 million barrels of crude
21 oil to the East Coast for refining, thereby ensuring an
22 uninterrupted supply of gas and oil to the U.S. armed forces; in the
23 years that followed the Allied victory, the Longview business
24 community embarked on an ambitious drive to diversify its

1 petrochemical industry and to attract manufacturing plants and
2 distribution centers; and

3 WHEREAS, Ideally situated in the Piney Woods of East Texas, a
4 few miles north of the Sabine River, Longview is also renowned for
5 its picturesque vistas, and for 25 years it has played host to the
6 Great Texas Balloon Race, the longest-running hot-air balloon event
7 in the Lone Star State; the city also features many important
8 historical and cultural attractions, including the Longview Museum
9 of Fine Arts, the Gregg County Historical Museum, and the R. G.
10 LeTourneau Museum on the campus of LeTourneau University, and it is
11 home to such thriving performing arts groups as Opera Longview, the
12 Longview Ballet Theatre, the Longview Community Theater, and the
13 Longview Symphony Orchestra; and

14 WHEREAS, Since its inception more than a century ago, the
15 community of Longview has been an outstanding place in which to
16 live, work, and raise a family, and it is most fitting to pay
17 tribute to the city and its citizens at this time; now, therefore,
18 be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
20 Legislature hereby recognize March 25, 2003, as Longview Day at the
21 State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation best wishes for
22 an enjoyable and informative stay in Austin.

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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	Raymond
Chisum	Homer	Reyna
Christian	Hope	Riddle
Coleman	Hopson	Ritter
Cook of Navarro	Howard	Rodriguez
Cook of Colorado	Hughes	Rose
Corte	Hunter	Seaman
Crabb	Hupp	Smith of Tarrant
Crownover	Isett	Smith of Harris
Davis of Harris	Jones of Lubbock	Smithee
Davis of Dallas	Jones of Bexar	Solis
Dawson	Jones of Dallas	Solomons
Delisi	Keel	Stick
Denny	Keffer of Dallas	Swinford
Deshotel	Keffer of Eastland	Talton
Driver	King	Taylor
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Telford
Dunnam	Krusee	Thompson
Dutton	Kuempel	Truitt
Edwards	Laney	Turner
Eiland	Laubenberg	Uresti
Eissler	Lewis	Van Arsdale
Elkins	Luna	Villarreal
Ellis	Mabry	West
Farabee	Madden	Wilson
Farrar	Marchant	Wise
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Wohlgemuth
Flynn	McCall	Wolens
Gallego	McClendon	Wong
Garza	McReynolds	Woolley
Gattis	Menendez	Zedler
Geren	Mercer	

H.R. No. 521

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 521 was adopted by the House on March 25, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House