

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For more than 100 years, Texans have celebrated June
2 19 as Emancipation Day, or "Juneteenth," for it was on that date in
3 1865 that African American slaves in this state finally gained the
4 freedom nominally conferred on them by the Emancipation
5 Proclamation; and

6 WHEREAS, Recognizing the significance this date holds for all
7 Texans, the 66th Texas Legislature approved a bill, authored by
8 Representative Al Edwards, designating June 19 as an official state
9 holiday; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1997, at the instigation of Representative
11 Edwards, the 75th Texas Legislature created the Texas Emancipation
12 Juneteenth Cultural and Historical Commission, whose objectives
13 were to coordinate state and local activities relating to
14 Juneteenth and to arrange for the erection of a memorial monument;
15 when completed, this monument will be installed on the southwest
16 grounds of the State Capitol; Representative Edwards has also
17 worked to ensure that emancipation and Juneteenth are appropriately
18 handled in school textbooks; and

19 WHEREAS, In coming together to celebrate the end of slavery
20 in the Lone Star State, we honor the countless individuals who
21 endured the rigors of that terrible system and pay tribute to their
22 perseverance and achievements; their labor, as agricultural
23 workers, mechanics, and artisans, played an immeasurable role in
24 the development of this state, and we are all the beneficiaries of

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1 their toil; on Juneteenth we honor, moreover, the myriad
2 accomplishments of African Americans since freedom came, and we
3 acknowledge the continuing struggle for social justice, a mighty
4 work deserving the efforts of all Texans of goodwill; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
7 Legislature hereby recognize the June 1, 2003, opening ceremony of
8 Juneteenth 2003 and encourage all Texans to join in Juneteenth
9 celebrations.

Edwards

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1865 was adopted by the House on June 1, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House