

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 114

WHEREAS, Many proud citizens of Neches are gathering on May 6, 2006, to celebrate their town's rich history at the 14th annual Neches Heritage Day; and

WHEREAS, This East Texas community was founded in 1872 when the International-Great Northern Railroad, now Union Pacific Railroad, was built through the area and local property owners Murdock McDonald and J. J. Davis donated land for a train station and a townsite; a post office with the name Nechesville and a school were opened soon thereafter, and by 1884, the community had a Masonic lodge, three mills, two general stores, and two saloons; the town's name was shortened to Neches in 1892; and

WHEREAS, This year's Neches Heritage Day features a parade, led by grand marshal Clydelle Klein, musical entertainment, and an assortment of local foods and arts and crafts; moreover, residents and visitors alike will have the opportunity to experience the town's storied past by touring such historic structures as the McDonald Store and Museum and Neches Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Although small in size, the community of Neches boasts immense character and warmth, and this year's Neches Heritage Day will offer attendees a welcome occasion to delight in this historic town's unique charm; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby recognize May 6, 2006, as Neches Heritage Day and extend to the organizers and attendees of the celebration best wishes for a successful event.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 1, 2006.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate