

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, On this day, March 23, 2005, residents of Marshall,
2 Texas, are gathering at the State Capitol to celebrate the
3 contributions of their city to the Lone Star State; and

4 WHEREAS, Located a short distance from the Texas-Louisiana
5 border, Marshall is situated amidst the beautiful rolling hills of
6 East Texas; the city was named in honor of Chief Justice John
7 Marshall and has served as the seat of Harrison County since 1842;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Founded in 1841, Marshall became known as the
10 "Gateway to Texas" after the War Between the States and grew to be
11 one of the largest and most prosperous towns in the region due, in
12 large part, to the railway system that supported the town's
13 commercial and industrial development and sizable agricultural
14 industry from the late 1850s onward; and

15 WHEREAS, Marshall is home to the historic Harrison County
16 Courthouse; dedicated in 1901, the courthouse was designed in the
17 Classic Revival style by noted architect James Riley Gordon;
18 construction was supervised by local architect Charles G.
19 Lancaster, who also supervised expansion projects in 1925 and 1927;
20 throughout the 20th century, the courthouse remained the
21 centerpiece of community life and is entered on the National
22 Register of Historic Places and is both a Recorded Texas Historic
23 Landmark and a State Archaeological Landmark; and

24 WHEREAS, Over the years, citizens of Marshall have

1 demonstrated a deeply rooted commitment to preserving their
2 heritage; visitors to this lovely town can reflect on times gone by
3 during a leisurely stroll through the Ginocchio National Historic
4 District, which features one of the state's finest examples of
5 Victorian hotel architecture, the 1896 Ginocchio Hotel; the city is
6 also the site of the Texas and Pacific Depot, the Allen House, the
7 Weisman Center, the Harrison County Historical Museum, and the
8 Hotel Marshall, which is currently being restored, all of which
9 contribute to a revitalized downtown area; and

10 WHEREAS, Marshall has also long been considered an
11 educational center for East Texas; that tradition carries on today,
12 as it is the home of three institutions of higher learning: Wiley
13 College, East Texas Baptist University, and Texas State Technical
14 College; and

15 WHEREAS, Today, blessed with an abundance of red and white
16 clay, residents of Marshall and countless talented artisans have
17 built a flourishing ceramics industry; and

18 WHEREAS, Marshall offers a high quality of life for its
19 citizens with community-wide festivals each year, including
20 Stagecoach Days, the Fire Ant Festival, and the famous Wonderland
21 of Lights; supporting a thriving arts community as well, the city is
22 aided by the Marshall Regional Arts Council, which has presented
23 lively seasons of performances to residents and tourists alike for
24 the past 20 years; the Michelson Museum of Art, the Marshall
25 Symphony, and the Marshall Visual Arts Center all contribute to the
26 cultural vibrancy of this remarkable East Texas city; and

27 WHEREAS, Marshall was named an All-American City by the

1 National Municipal League in 1976, and the city's residents remain
2 justifiably proud of this prestigious honor as they continue their
3 efforts to preserve the city's rich heritage while preparing for a
4 bright and promising future; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
6 hereby recognize March 23, 2005, as Marshall Day at the State
7 Capitol and extend to all those who are visiting sincere best wishes
8 for an enjoyable and informative trip to the State Capitol.

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H.C.R. No. 119

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 119 was adopted by the House on
March 23, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 119 was adopted by the Senate on
March 23, 2005, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor