

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The year 2005 marks the 250th anniversary of the
2 founding of the city of Laredo, and this memorable milestone offers
3 a fitting opportunity to reflect on the city's unique stature in the
4 history of the Lone Star State; and

5 WHEREAS, Founded in 1755 as San Agustin de Laredo, the city is
6 the oldest independent settlement in Texas, and its status as an
7 indispensable center of commerce has continued to the present day;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, With the establishment of the current border between
10 the United States and Mexico, Laredo assumed even greater
11 prominence as a gateway between the two countries, and the city's
12 rich and vibrant culture reflects profound influences from both
13 sides of the Rio Grande; and

14 WHEREAS, Mindful of the importance of preserving their city's
15 past, Laredoans have wisely chosen to celebrate its architectural
16 legacy even in the midst of its bustling modern downtown, and this
17 astute balance of traditional and contemporary values epitomizes
18 Laredo's unique appeal; and

19 WHEREAS, Similarly, Laredo's storied past is but prelude to a
20 future bright with promise, and as its proud citizens celebrate
21 their beloved hometown's birthday throughout the year, they may
22 take pride and satisfaction in the limitless opportunities arrayed
23 before them; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby commemorate the 250th anniversary of the
2 founding of Laredo and extend to its citizens sincere best wishes
3 for a successful celebration throughout the year.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 68 was adopted by the House on March 9, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House