

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Texas is known for the richness and variety of its
2 agricultural bounty, and the grapefruit and other citrus fruit
3 grown in and around Mission are important contributors to the
4 state's renown; and

5 WHEREAS, Mission was designated the Lone Star State's Home of
6 the Grapefruit by the 75th Texas Legislature, and its residents
7 take justifiable pride in their position as an important
8 agricultural center; in celebration of their beloved hometown, a
9 number of community leaders have traveled to Austin on this special
10 day to extol its many virtues, including a highly anticipated event
11 that draws countless visitors to Mission each year to join in the
12 fun; and

13 WHEREAS, The Texas Citrus Fiesta, a Rio Grande Valley
14 tradition since 1932, has become a major cultural and recreational
15 event in the area; and

16 WHEREAS, Including such entertaining events as the
17 coronation of King Citrus and Queen Citrianna and a fashion
18 exhibition of costumes constructed entirely of cunningly
19 transformed Valley agricultural products, the Texas Citrus Fiesta
20 also includes a Parade of Oranges that is enjoyed by thousands from
21 the United States and Mexico; and

22 WHEREAS, The combination of agricultural abundance and
23 vibrant community spirit that leads to the continuing success of
24 Mission and the Texas Citrus Fiesta is a notable example of what is

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1 great about the Rio Grande Valley and is truly deserving of special
2 recognition; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
4 Legislature hereby recognize March 9, 2005, as Mission Day at the
5 State Capitol, welcome those individuals visiting on this day, and
6 commend all those associated with the Texas Citrus Fiesta for their
7 efforts in maintaining this treasured cultural institution.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 658 was adopted by the House on March 9, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House