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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Katy are visiting the Capitol on March
2 29, 2005, to celebrate the contributions of their fair city to the
3 Lone Star State; and

4 WHEREAS, Located in Harris, Waller, and Fort Bend Counties,
5 Katy was settled in 1872 and incorporated in 1945; originally known
6 as Cane Island, the city is thought to have taken its present-day
7 name from the Missouri, Kansas, and Texas Railroad, which was
8 established in the area in the 1890s; and

9 WHEREAS, The town's early economy depended on the production
10 of cotton, peanuts, and corn, but those crops were outpaced by the
11 introduction of rice farming in 1901; the discovery of natural gas
12 in 1934 changed the fortunes of the town's residents, who profited
13 from the size of the field's reserves and its proximity to
14 Houston-area refineries; today, Katy remains an important rail and
15 agricultural center and continues to reap the rewards of one of the
16 largest gas fields in the state; and

17 WHEREAS, Residents and visitors alike enjoy the town's many
18 cultural assets, including Heritage Park, which is home to a number
19 of historic buildings, the Katy Veterans Memorial Museum, which
20 features military exhibits of every foreign conflict involving the
21 United States, and the Katy Heritage Museum, which houses vintage
22 farming equipment and artifacts from Katy's agricultural and
23 pioneer history; and

24 WHEREAS, The Katy Rice Harvest Festival attracts more than

1 50,000 people to the festivities each year and gives area residents
2 the opportunity to commemorate this staple of the community's
3 economy; in addition, numerous parks offer a wide range of
4 possibilities to outdoor enthusiasts; and

5 WHEREAS, The award-winning Katy Independent School District
6 also figures prominently in the high quality of life enjoyed by
7 those who choose to make Katy their home; and

8 WHEREAS, With its profitable economy, small-town charm, and
9 first-rate schools, Katy is a vibrant city whose citizens are
10 preserving the past and embracing the future, and it is a pleasure
11 to pay tribute to the community and its residents at this time; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
14 Legislature hereby recognize March 29, 2005, as Katy Day at the
15 State Capitol and extend to all those present on this day sincere
16 best wishes for an informative and enjoyable visit to Austin.