

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 245**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to welcome the citizens of Kilgore to Austin and to recognize March 1, 2005, as Kilgore Day at the Capitol; and

**WHEREAS**, Established in the early 1870s by the International and Great Northern Railway, Kilgore was named for Colonel Constantine Buckley Kilgore, who provided 15 acres for the railroad's right-of-way; Colonel Kilgore later served as a state senator, a congressman, and a federal judge; and

**WHEREAS**, Kilgore remained a sleepy town devoted mostly to agriculture and lumber production for over 50 years; in 1930, an experienced wildcatter, Dad Joiner, came to the area and drilled the C. M. Joiner No. 3 Daisy Bradford well, ushering in the East Texas oil boom; and

**WHEREAS**, In a matter of days, Kilgore's population more than tripled, and downtown Kilgore soon had the greatest concentration of oil wells in the world, which came to be known as the "World's Richest Acre"; and

**WHEREAS**, Kilgore, surrounded by lush pine forests, is a city with a diversified economy revolving around petroleum, high-tech manufacturing, tourism, and other business enterprises; and

**WHEREAS**, Kilgore's other attractions include the East Texas Oil Museum, the World's Richest Acre Park, and Kilgore College, home of the renowned Kilgore Rangerettes; and

**WHEREAS**, The citizens of Kilgore confidently face the challenges of the future while embracing their rich history; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend the citizens of Kilgore for their many contributions to our state and extend to them best wishes for a celebratory Kilgore Day at the Capitol; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the citizens of Kilgore as a token of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 1, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate