

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud citizens of Pearland are gathering in Austin
2 to celebrate Pearland Day at the State Capitol on February 28, 2007;
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4 WHEREAS, Situated on the alluvial lowlands of Brazoria
5 County, Pearland stands at the center of a region traversed by
6 Native Americans and such famous historical figures as Cabeza de
7 Vaca, Cavelier de La Salle, and Stephen F. Austin; and

8 WHEREAS, Founded in 1882 as a siding switch on the Gulf,
9 Colorado, and Sante Fe Railroad, the site was originally called
10 Mark Belt after the man whose house served as a local post office;
11 in the mid-1890s the Southern Homestead Company constructed the
12 town's first building, a rail depot, and the community was renamed
13 Pearland because of the abundance of pear trees in the vicinity; the
14 depot was the town's only link to the outside world and the center
15 of town life; the combination freight and passenger train known as
16 the "Bobby Train" was the only way for citizens of Pearland to
17 travel back and forth to Houston; and

18 WHEREAS, The Galveston hurricane of 1900 destroyed
19 Pearland's fruit orchards, but the region rebounded and was
20 promoted only 10 years later by the Allison-Richey Suburban Garden
21 Company as an "agricultural Eden" where fruit could be raised on a
22 commercial scale; and

23 WHEREAS, From the mid-1960s to the present, Pearland has
24 grown from a population of 1,497 to 80,000, making it one of the

1 fastest growing cities on the Gulf Coast; the life of the city is
2 enriched with such annual events as the Winterfest in January and
3 the Silverlake Sprint Triathlon every May; and

4 WHEREAS, With the original railway depot still standing as a
5 reminder of its colorful past, Pearland looks forward to an even
6 more dynamic future, and it is appropriate to take this opportunity
7 to honor it; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
9 Legislature hereby recognize February 28, 2007, as Pearland Day at
10 the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation best wishes
11 for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.

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Craddick	Gattis	Miles
Allen	Geren	Miller
Alonzo	Giddings	Moreno
Anchia	Gonzales	Morrison
Anderson	Gonzalez Toureilles	Mowery
Aycock	Goolsby	Murphy
Bailey	Guillen	Naishtat
Berman	Haggerty	Noriega
Bohac	Hamilton	O'Day
Bolton	Hancock	Oliveira
Bonnen	Hardcastle	Olivo
Branch	Harless	Orr
Brown of Kaufman	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Brazos	Hartnett	Otto
Burnam	Heflin	Parker
Callegari	Hernandez	Patrick
Castro	Herrero	Paxton
Chavez	Hilderbran	Pena
Chisum	Hill	Phillips
Christian	Hochberg	Pickett
Cohen	Hodge	Pierson
Coleman	Homer	Pitts
Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Puente
Cook of Colorado	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Corte	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Crabb	Hughes	Riddle
Creighton	Isett	Ritter
Crownover	Jackson	Rodriguez
Darby	Jones	Rose
Davis of Harris	Keffer	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Parker	Smith of Harris
Delisi	King of Taylor	Smithee
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Solomons
Driver	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dukes	Krusee	Straus
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Latham	Talton
Eiland	Laubenberg	Taylor
Eissler	Leibowitz	Thompson
Elkins	Lucio III	Truitt
England	Macias	Turner
Escobar	Madden	Van Arsdale
Farabee	Mallory Caraway	Vaught
Farias	Martinez	Veasey
Farrar	Martinez Fischer	Villarreal
Flores	McCall	Vo
Flynn	McClendon	West
Frost	McReynolds	Woolley
Gallego	Menendez	Zedler
Garcia	Merritt	Zerwas

H.R. No. 605

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 605 was adopted by the House on
February 28, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House