

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, St. Patrick's Day is a celebration of Irish
2 heritage, and this occasion provides an opportunity to honor the
3 many contributions that individuals of Irish descent have made to
4 the Lone Star State; and

5 WHEREAS, One of the earliest Irish residents of Texas was
6 Hugh O'Connor, who served as governor of the Spanish territory from
7 1767 to 1770; natives of Ireland also played a central role in the
8 settlement of Texas in the early 1800s, including empresarios James
9 McGloin, John McMullen, and James Power, who brought dozens of
10 Irish families to South Texas and the Gulf Coast; and

11 WHEREAS, All three of these men participated in the Texas
12 Revolution, as did Irishmen such as John Joseph Linn, Francis
13 Moore, Jr., and Thomas William Ward; a dozen individuals from the
14 Emerald Isle died defending the Alamo, and 100 Irish-born troops
15 helped win the independence of Texas in the decisive Battle of San
16 Jacinto; and

17 WHEREAS, The number of immigrants from Ireland grew
18 dramatically in the mid-1800s, and several prominent Irish natives
19 made their mark during that period; Samuel McKinney was an early
20 president of Austin College, Father Michael Sheehan established the
21 first Catholic church in Austin and became one of the first
22 full-time Catholic chaplains in the U.S. Army, and Peter Gallagher
23 served as a Texas Ranger and helped organize Pecos County; later in
24 the 19th century, Irishman John William Mallet served as the first

1 faculty chairman at The University of Texas at Austin, and artist
2 Henry Arthur McArdle produced many famous paintings inspired by
3 Texas history, some of which now hang in the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, With the passing decades, additional people from
5 Ireland found a new home in Texas, and they and the descendents of
6 previous immigrants have had an enduring influence on the state's
7 lifestyle and development; today, Irish culture is celebrated in
8 formal programs such as the Center for Irish Studies at the
9 University of St. Thomas in Houston, as well as in statewide St.
10 Patrick's Day celebrations, and it is appropriate to join with
11 thousands of other residents in recognizing the significant role
12 that Irish Americans have played in the story of the Lone Star
13 State; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the state's vital Irish heritage
16 and extend Happy St. Patrick's Day wishes to all Irish Americans.

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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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 770 was adopted by the House on March 15, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House