

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 482**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the residents of Brazoria County in declaring Tuesday, March 20, 2007, as Brazoria County Day; and

**WHEREAS**, Brazoria County's roots can be traced to 1821 when that area of the Brazos River Valley was settled by Stephen F. Austin's colonists; and

**WHEREAS**, Rich in history, Brazoria County was created in 1836, and the area was the site of numerous events preceding and following the Texas Revolution; it was in Brazoria County that Santa Anna signed the Treaties of Velasco, effectively granting Texas its independence and leading to the consolidation of the continental empire of the United States; the first permanent capital of the Republic of Texas was established at Columbia in October of 1836; and

**WHEREAS**, Oil production began in Brazoria County in 1902, and Stratton Ridge Dome caused the county to rank first in the United States in the production of sulphur; the county became an extensive petroleum producer and a leader in the chemical industry, and today, the county is home to the largest chemical complex in the world; and

**WHEREAS**, Brazoria County is blessed with a wealth of natural resources, a deepwater seaport, and a bountiful harvest of crops and fish; it is comprised of coastal soils, rivers and inland marshes, and 20 miles of natural beach; throughout the county, there are giant groves of oak, elm, cottonwood, and pecan trees; and

**WHEREAS**, The county is host to the annual Brazoria County Fair, the largest county fair in the state; it is the location of Sea Center Texas and the Brazoria County Historical Museum, which contains the national award-winning Austin Colony exhibit; and

**WHEREAS**, Brazoria County Day brings together old friends and families who gather in celebration of Brazoria County's past and the many community assets it possesses today; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby express appreciation to the people of Brazoria County for their preservation of the county's natural amenities and for their many contributions to our state and extend best wishes to all for a joyous Brazoria County Day; and, be it further

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**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the residents of Brazoria County as a memento of this occasion.

Jackson, Janek

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 20, 2007.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate

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