

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Many residents of Tyler will be in Austin to
2 celebrate Tyler Days at the State Capitol from March 2 to March 3,
3 2009, and this occasion offers an ideal opportunity to extol the
4 city's many virtues; and

5 WHEREAS, Nestled among the Piney Woods of East Texas, Tyler's
6 great natural beauty goes hand in hand with the energy and amenities
7 of a bustling modern city, and its residents take justifiable pride
8 in their remarkable hometown; and

9 WHEREAS, Tyler has through the years benefited greatly from
10 the region's abundant natural resources, and agriculture has long
11 provided a strong foundation for the local economy; cotton was
12 originally the predominant cash crop, but by the turn of the century
13 the area was shipping 100 railroad cars of peaches a day and more
14 strawberries than the rest of the state combined; and

15 WHEREAS, A devastating peach blight in 1902 soon revealed
16 itself a blessing in disguise, as farmers turned to growing roses
17 that are now Tyler's most famous export; by the 1940s, more than
18 half the nation's rosebushes came from Tyler, and today the city is
19 renowned as the home of the Texas Rose Festival and the Municipal
20 Rose Garden and Museum; and

21 WHEREAS, In 1930, the area's sandy loam yielded up a
22 different kind of bounty when the East Texas oil field was
23 discovered, and the petroleum industry quickly became a mainstay of
24 the local economy, joined more recently by manufacturing and the

1 timber industry; and

2 WHEREAS, Tyler is also acknowledged to be the area's
3 preeminent medical and educational center, and the presence of
4 numerous state-of-the-art health care facilities contributes
5 greatly to the well-being of local citizens, while the city's
6 top-flight colleges and university open new vistas of learning and
7 opportunity to thousands of students each year; and

8 WHEREAS, The city's recreational options are many and varied,
9 and visitors may choose such diverse and appealing destinations as
10 the Caldwell Zoo, Tyler Rose Garden, Discovery Science Place, and
11 the Tyler Museum of Art, while fishing and boating enthusiasts can
12 pursue their pleasures at Lakes Palestine, Tyler, and Tyler East;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Tyler's greatest asset continues to be its dynamic
15 and friendly citizens, and even as they look back with pride and
16 affection on the city's notable past, they eagerly embrace the
17 challenges and opportunities that lie ahead; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas
19 hereby designate March 2 to March 3, 2009, as Tyler Days at the
20 State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best
21 wishes for a memorable and enjoyable visit to Austin.

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Straus	Gattis	Menendez
Allen	Geren	Merritt
Alonzo	Giddings	Miklos
Alvarado	Gonzales	Miller of Comal
Anchia	Gonzalez Toureilles	Miller of Erath
Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
Berman	Hamilton	Naishtat
Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
Bonnen	Harless	Orr
Branch	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Kaufman	Hartnett	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Heflin	Parker
Burnam	Hernandez	Patrick
Button	Herrero	Paxton
Callegari	Hilderbran	Pena
Castro	Hochberg	Phillips
Chavez	Hodge	Pickett
Chisum	Homer	Pierson
Christian	Hopson	Pitts
Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Cook	Hughes	Riddle
Corte	Hunter	Rios Ybarra
Crabb	Isett	Ritter
Craddick	Jackson	Rodriguez
Creighton	Jones	Rose
Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
Darby	Kent	Shelton
Davis of Harris	King of Parker	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Taylor	Smith of Harris
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Smithee
Driver	Kleinschmidt	Solomons
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Laubenberg	Taylor
Edwards	Legler	Thibaut
Eiland	Leibowitz	Thompson
Eissler	Lewis	Truitt
Elkins	Lucio III	Turner of Tarrant
England	Madden	Turner of Harris
Farabee	Maldonado	Vaught
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Marquez	Villarreal
Fletcher	Martinez	Vo
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Walle
Flynn	McCall	Weber
Frost	McClendon	Woolley
Gallego	McReynolds	Zerwas

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 28 was adopted by the House on February 26, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 28 was adopted by the Senate on March 3, 2009, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor