

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Public-spirited citizens of Kilgore are gathering
2 in Austin on March 2 and 3, 2009, to celebrate Kilgore Days at the
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Present in the chamber on this occasion are
5 community leaders Mr. and Mrs. Sammy York, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth
6 Plunk, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hale, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Coston, Theresa
7 Ferguson, Tammy Ritter, B. J. Owens, Amanda Nobles, Barbara
8 Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Kent Bryson, Gerey Dillinger, Gene Keenon,
9 Dr. Charles Whiteside, Jeff Howell, Randy Brogoitti, Mr. and Mrs.
10 Harvey McClendon, and Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Bell; and

11 WHEREAS, Set among the lush pinewoods of East Texas, Kilgore
12 was founded in 1872 along the International-Great Northern Railroad
13 and named after community leader Constantine Buckley "Buck"
14 Kilgore, a state senator and Confederate veteran; and

15 WHEREAS, Initially the town developed as a center for cotton
16 farming, and it thrived until the onset of the Great Depression,
17 when its population abruptly fell by half; the discovery of oil in
18 1930, however, turned the hard-pressed community into a lively
19 boomtown; within six years, Kilgore's population swelled from 500
20 to 12,000; at the peak of the boom, there were 1,100 oil wells
21 within the city limits; one downtown block, known as the "World's
22 Richest Acre," held the greatest concentration of oil derricks in
23 the world at the time; and

24 WHEREAS, Today Kilgore is an important center for both the

1 oil and high-tech industries, with such major employers as
2 Halliburton Energy Services, General Dynamics SATCOM Technologies,
3 Skeeter Products, and Exterran having a presence in the city; and

4 WHEREAS, Kilgore College is the educational and cultural hub
5 of the area; home to the Texas Shakespeare Festival and the famous
6 Kilgore Rangerettes, reputed to be the world's first women's
7 precision drill team, the campus is also host to the East Texas Oil
8 Museum, where the history of the oil boom of the 1930s is colorfully
9 re-created through exhibits and dioramas; another notable
10 attraction is the exciting new baseball franchise, the East Texas
11 Pump Jacks of the Texas Collegiate League, which played its
12 inaugural season in 2008; and

13 WHEREAS, The community has honored its colorful past with the
14 placement of 60 replica oil derricks throughout the town; each
15 holiday season, the derricks are decorated with Christmas lights
16 and stars, helping Kilgore to earn the title "City of Stars"; and

17 WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich history as they prepare to
18 meet the opportunities that lie ahead, the citizens of Kilgore are
19 justifiably proud of their community, and it is a privilege to honor
20 their contribution to the story of the Lone Star State; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas
23 hereby declare March 2 and 3, 2009, as Kilgore Days at the State
24 Capitol and extend best wishes to the visiting delegation for an
25 enjoyable and memorable stay in 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	Peña
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. 78 was adopted by the House on March 3, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 78 was adopted by the Senate on June 1, 2009, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor