

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Proud citizens of Brazoria County are gathering in  
2 Austin to celebrate Brazoria County Day at the State Capitol on  
3 March 10, 2009; and

4           WHEREAS, This section of coastal prairie along the Brazos  
5 River was inhabited during the first three centuries of Texas'  
6 recorded history by the nomadic Karankawa Indians; the Spanish  
7 explorer Cabeza de Vaca passed through the region as early as 1528,  
8 and the pirate Jean Lafitte was rumored to have used the mouth of  
9 the Brazos as a refuge; and

10           WHEREAS, The region was settled in the 1820s by members of  
11 Stephen F. Austin's Old Three Hundred; Henry Smith of Brazoria  
12 served as the first American governor of Texas and as a leader of  
13 the movement for independence, and the town of Columbia served as  
14 the capital of Texas during the first Texas Congress; in 1836,  
15 Brazoria County became one of the original counties established by  
16 the new republic; and

17           WHEREAS, Farming and ranching initially constituted the  
18 mainstays of the county's economy; the discovery of oil and sulfur  
19 deposits in the early 20th century helped the region grow, and  
20 chemical processing became increasingly important during World War  
21 II and after; commercial fishing and the recreation industry have  
22 helped to ensure continuing economic development; and

23           WHEREAS, Today, the eight cities of the Brazosport  
24 area--Clute, Freeport, Jones Creek, Lake Jackson, Oyster Creek,

1 Quintana, Richwood, and Surfside Beach--boast excellent schools  
2 and affordable housing; visitors and residents alike take great  
3 pleasure in 27 miles of sandy beaches, bay and offshore fishing,  
4 scuba diving, and outstanding birdwatching at the Brazoria and San  
5 Bernard National Wildlife Refuges; and

6 WHEREAS, Angleton, the county seat, abounds with antique  
7 shops and scenic parks and hosts the county fair, one of the largest  
8 in Texas, every October and Christmas on the Square every December;  
9 the town of Alvin is home to the Nolan Ryan Center, which celebrates  
10 the career of its native son and Baseball Hall of Famer; moreover,  
11 the nearby town of Pearland is a center for the chemical and oil  
12 industries; and

13 WHEREAS, The educational opportunities available to students  
14 at Alvin Community College and Brazosport College further  
15 contribute to the county's many amenities; and

16 WHEREAS, Even as they celebrate their rich heritage, the  
17 hardworking citizens of Brazoria County are looking ahead to the  
18 opportunities of the future and continuing to contribute greatly to  
19 the growth and prosperity of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be  
20 it

21 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas  
22 hereby declare March 10, 2009, Brazoria County Day at the State  
23 Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation best wishes for a  
24 memorable and meaningful 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

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 87 was adopted by the House on March 10, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 87 was adopted by the Senate on March 17, 2009, by a viva-voce vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor