

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Texas is known for the richness and variety of its  
2 agricultural bounty, and the 72nd Texas Citrus Fiesta in Mission,  
3 which took place during the last week of January 2009, celebrated  
4 the importance of the fruit industry to the culture and economy of  
5 the Rio Grande Valley; and

6           WHEREAS, The first Citrus Fiesta in 1932 highlighted the  
7 Valley's bountiful winter harvest of grapefruit and oranges and  
8 began the colorful tradition of crowning a King Citrus and Queen  
9 Citrianna and their royal court; every city in the region further  
10 appoints a duchess to represent its community at the coronation;  
11 and

12           WHEREAS, Held annually since World War II, the fiesta is  
13 enjoyed by thousands of attendees from the United States and  
14 Mexico; they gather to participate in a range of special events,  
15 including a fashion exhibition of costumes made from citrus  
16 products and the spectacular Parade of Oranges showcasing floats  
17 decorated with fruit and other agricultural products from the area;  
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19           WHEREAS, This year's Citrus Fiesta was presided over by King  
20 Citrus Tom Aderhold, who throughout his life has been a leader in  
21 the Valley's citrus industry; sharing the throne was Queen  
22 Citrianna Lauren Yvanna Guerra, who was supported by the members of  
23 the royal court: Maria Apolonia Calderon, the Princess of  
24 Grapefruit Blossom, Katheryn Hinojosa, the Princess of Orange

1 Blossom, and Sophia Anyssa Flores, the Lady in Waiting; and

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Tangerine Court were Ryann Avery  
3 Ramirez, the 59th Princess Anna, Madison Nicole Gerlach, the  
4 Princess of Lemon Blossom, Kayla Nicole Cantu, the Princess of Lime  
5 Blossom, Myrhissa Calen Ortega, the Princess of Tangerine Blossom,  
6 and Jenna Renee Hard, the Princess of Grapefruit Blossom; also  
7 presented at the court's coronation were 18 duchesses from the  
8 region; and

9           WHEREAS, For more than 70 years, the combination of  
10 agricultural abundance and the vibrant community spirit in the Rio  
11 Grande Valley has helped make the Texas Citrus Fiesta one of the  
12 landmark cultural events in the Lone Star State, and this  
13 outstanding Texas tradition is truly deserving of special  
14 recognition; now, therefore, be it

15           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the 72nd Texas Citrus Fiesta and  
17 extend to the royal court and duchesses best wishes for a successful  
18 and exciting reign.

Gonzales

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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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 488 was adopted by the House on  
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Chief Clerk of the House