

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Cotton has ranked as one of the most important crops
2 in Texas for a century and a half, and in 1997, the 75th Legislature
3 named it the official fiber and fabric of the Lone Star State; and

4 WHEREAS, Introduced to Texas by Spanish missionaries, cotton
5 soared in production between 1850 and 1900, when it reached more
6 than 3.4 million bales; contributing to the expansion were the
7 opening of new lands for cultivation, the extension of the
8 railroad, and the influx of thousands of immigrants from the Deep
9 South and from Europe; and

10 WHEREAS, The State of Texas has been the home of a number of
11 major innovations in the cotton industry; Robert S. Munger
12 developed an automated system ginning process in Mexia in 1884, and
13 in 1980 the country's first high-volume instrument cotton-classing
14 office opened in Lamesa; and

15 WHEREAS, Approximately one-third of all the cotton harvested
16 in the United States is grown in Texas, and the state usually ranks
17 first among all the states in cotton production; and

18 WHEREAS, The history of Texas cannot be told without taking
19 into account the enormous role that cotton has played in the
20 development of the state, and the crop continues to provide the
21 livelihood of thousands of Texans; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
23 Legislature hereby recognize March 3, 2009, as Cotton Day at the
24 State Capitol and extend to all those associated with the industry

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1 and who are present here today sincere best wishes for an enjoyable
2 and memorable visit.

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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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 504 was adopted by the House on
February 26, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House