

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to  
2 recognize February 25, 2009, as Pearland Day at the State Capitol;  
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4           WHEREAS, Pearland is located in Brazoria County; it was  
5 originally established as Mark Belt in 1893, but in November of that  
6 year, its name was changed to Pearland to reflect the large quantity  
7 of pear trees in the area; by 1898, the town had a newspaper, 12  
8 businesses, and 75 residents, but two years later, its growth  
9 slowed considerably when it was hit by the Galveston hurricane  
10 (known as the Storm of 1900--the big one before Ike) and many of its  
11 fruit trees were destroyed; after the storm, the planting of  
12 oranges and figs helped revive local agriculture, until the freeze  
13 of 1918 caused another wave of damage; Pearland bounced back a  
14 second time, however, and in 1934, oil and gas were discovered in  
15 the area, prompting significant growth in the decades that  
16 followed; and

17           WHEREAS, Today, the population of Pearland is nearly 90,000;  
18 despite its proximity to its chief suburb, Houston, and such  
19 landmarks as the Johnson Space Center and Galveston Beach, Pearland  
20 maintains its own unique character and its residents enjoy a  
21 distinctly different lifestyle; in 1999, it was named an  
22 All-America City by the National Civic League, and its notable  
23 attractions include Cole's Antiques and Flea Market, which features  
24 more than 600 dealers from across the state, and Pearland Town

1 Center and the Presidential Heads sculptures; and

2 WHEREAS, With a colorful history, an abundance of natural  
3 resources, and a small-town feel, Pearland is a desirable community  
4 in which to live, work, and raise a family, and its residents may  
5 indeed take justifiable pride in the place they call home; now,  
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
8 Legislature hereby express appreciation to the citizens of Pearland  
9 for their contributions to the Lone Star State and extend a warm  
10 welcome to all those who are present at the Capitol today.

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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

H.R. No. 607

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 607 was adopted by the House on  
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Chief Clerk of the House