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H.R. No. 607

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;
3 and

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.