

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Citizens of Grimes County are coming together at the  
2 State Capitol to celebrate Grimes County Day on March 5, 2009; and

3           WHEREAS, A landscape of lush forests and verdant savannah,  
4 the area that would later become Grimes County was inhabited by the  
5 Bidai people when Europeans first arrived in the region in the late  
6 1600s; it is thought that the famous French explorer La Salle met  
7 his untimely end near present-day Navasota in 1687, murdered by his  
8 own men; and

9           WHEREAS, In the 1820s, Anglo settlers began to move into the  
10 region, drawn by the rich bottomlands along the Navasota and Brazos  
11 Rivers; one of the first cotton crops in Texas was planted in the  
12 county, and with Anderson as its county seat, Grimes County was  
13 established in 1846 and named after Jesse Grimes, a signer of the  
14 Texas Declaration of Independence; and

15           WHEREAS, The arrival of the railroad in 1859 helped promote  
16 the growth of Navasota as a center of commerce, while two spas  
17 established in the 1850s, Kellum Springs and Piedmont Springs, drew  
18 many visitors to the county; and

19           WHEREAS, Today, the area's prosperity is based on livestock,  
20 agribusiness, and light manufacturing; the harvesting of timber,  
21 lignite coal, and natural gas also contributes to the economy of the  
22 region; and

23           WHEREAS, Officially designated the Blues Capital of Texas by  
24 the 79th Texas Legislature in 2005, Navasota hosts the annual

1 BluesFest to commemorate the famous blues musician and native son  
2 Mance Lipscomb and to raise money for a scholarship in his name; the  
3 town is equally renowned for its picturesque downtown and  
4 Victorian-style houses, and its history is showcased in the Horlock  
5 History Center, a restored 1892 home; and

6 WHEREAS, Anderson boasts the striking Grimes County  
7 Courthouse, constructed of handmade bricks in 1894 and restored in  
8 2002; the town is also home to the Fanthorp Inn State Historic Site,  
9 a restored 19th-century stagecoach stop that hosted such famous  
10 figures as Sam Houston, Robert E. Lee, and Stonewall Jackson; and

11 WHEREAS, Residents and visitors alike enjoy the colorful  
12 Texas Renaissance Festival in Plantersville every October and  
13 November; another popular attraction is Gibbons Creek Reservoir,  
14 which offers ample recreational opportunities for fishing,  
15 camping, boating, and waterskiing; and

16 WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich history as they look forward  
17 to a bright future, the people of Grimes County are justifiably  
18 proud of their heritage and achievements, and their county's many  
19 contributions to the ongoing development of the Lone Star State are  
20 indeed deserving of special honor; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
22 Legislature hereby recognize March 5, 2009, as Grimes County Day at  
23 the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere  
24 best wishes for a meaningful and memorable 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

H.R. No. 616

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 616 was adopted by the House on March 5, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House