

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud citizens of Katy are gathering in Austin to
2 celebrate Katy Day at the State Capitol on March 12, 2009; and

3 WHEREAS, Situated on the coastal prairie among the grasslands
4 and bayous, the community was originally known as Cane Island; it
5 was first settled in the 1870s as a farming community, with
6 residents primarily growing cotton, peanuts, and corn until 1901,
7 when William Eule introduced rice farming; the town came to be
8 called Katy, after the depot of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas
9 Railroad (the MKT)--or perhaps after the wife of a saloonkeeper;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The discovery of natural gas in 1934 changed the
12 fortunes of area residents, who profited from the size of the field
13 and its close proximity to Houston's refineries; the city was
14 incorporated in 1945 and today is an important rail and
15 agricultural center; and

16 WHEREAS, The Katy Independent School District is one of the
17 fastest-growing in the state; having completed 23 new campuses in
18 the past decade, it now includes 31 elementary schools, 12 junior
19 highs, 6 high schools, a career technology center, and an
20 alternative high school; the district places a strong emphasis on
21 technology, providing computers in each classroom and stationary
22 and wireless labs in every school; student achievement on
23 standardized tests consistently surpasses statewide levels, and 16
24 Katy campuses have been designated as exemplary in the

1 accountability ratings compiled by the Texas Education Agency; and

2 WHEREAS, Several city attractions provide a window on the
3 area's past, including the Katy Heritage Museum, the vintage
4 buildings that make up Heritage Park, and the town's 1898 train
5 depot that has been restored to house the MKT Museum; and

6 WHEREAS, Throughout the year, Katy hosts a number of popular
7 events that draw locals and visitors alike; the Katy Independent
8 School District FFA Livestock Show and Rodeo is held in February,
9 the Folk Life Festival takes place in April, and the Rice Harvest
10 Festival honors the city's agricultural traditions each October;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, For more than a century, Katy has been an
13 outstanding place to live and work, and its citizens may take great
14 pride in their contributions to the Lone Star State; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
17 Legislature hereby recognize March 12, 2009, as Katy Day at the
18 State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation best wishes for
19 an enjoyable and informative 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. 705

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 705 was adopted by the House on March 12, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House