

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Brazos Bend State Park has served the residents of
2 Texas and visitors to the Lone Star State for 25 years, and staff,
3 volunteers, and members of the public are celebrating this
4 significant milestone on April 4, 2009; and

5 WHEREAS, Located approximately 28 miles southwest of
6 Houston, Brazos Bend State Park opened to the public in 1984, and it
7 has since hosted more than five million visitors; much of the
8 5,000-acre area is located in the Brazos River floodplains, and in
9 addition to the river, the park includes six lakes, a creek, and a
10 bayou; it is well known for its population of American alligators,
11 which are visible from several observation points, and the area is
12 also home to numerous species of dragonfly, mammals, and birds; and

13 WHEREAS, The park's grand live oaks provide shade for
14 visitors who can choose from a variety of campsites for overnight
15 stays or picnic areas for day use; moreover, there is a range of
16 activities available, including walking on the Creekfield Lake
17 Nature Trail, hiking or biking on designated trails, touring the
18 Habitats and Niches display at the nature center, and viewing the
19 night sky at the George Observatory, a satellite facility of the
20 Houston Museum of Natural Science; its distinctive topography and
21 diverse recreational opportunities earned the park a ranking on
22 America's Top Ten State Parks published by *National Geographic*
23 *Traveler*; and

24 WHEREAS, Brazos Bend is one of the region's most popular

1 tourist attractions, regularly generating several million dollars
2 in sales income; the park's success is due in part to the support of
3 the Brazos Bend State Park Volunteer Organization, which was
4 established in 1989 and has been recognized for its remarkable
5 number of volunteer hours; and

6 WHEREAS, For a quarter of a century, Brazos Bend State Park
7 has provided adventure, leisure, solace, and more to people of all
8 ages and backgrounds, and it is indeed fitting to honor this natural
9 gem for its contributions to the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be
10 it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
12 Legislature hereby commemorate the 25th anniversary of Brazos Bend
13 State Park and extend to its staff and volunteers sincere
14 appreciation for their outstanding efforts in behalf of the park;
15 and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for Brazos Bend State Park as an expression of high regard
18 by the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1141

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1141 was adopted by the House on April 1, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House