

By: Edwards

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Mayor Lyda Ann Thomas has long been a valued  
2 supporter of the celebration of Juneteenth in Galveston; and

3 WHEREAS, An official state holiday since 1980, Juneteenth  
4 commemorates an important milestone in human rights in Texas, the  
5 first reading of the Emancipation Proclamation in Galveston on June  
6 19, 1865, by Union general Gordon Granger, which effectively freed  
7 the 250,000 slaves in Texas at the end of the Civil War; and

8 WHEREAS, Mayor Thomas served her fellow citizens as a member  
9 of the city council before being elected mayor in 2002; she has  
10 provided exceptional leadership throughout her terms, and was  
11 nationally recognized for her efforts during Hurricanes Rita and  
12 Ike; and

13 WHEREAS, In addition to participating in Galveston  
14 Juneteenth Celebrations for five consecutive years, Mayor Thomas  
15 supported the installation of the state Juneteenth monument and has  
16 assisted with the Al Edwards Juneteenth Banquet; and

17 WHEREAS, Through her ongoing efforts and support, Mayor  
18 Thomas has helped to ensure a continued awareness of this landmark  
19 event, not only in Galveston but also across the state; now,  
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
22 Legislature hereby commend Mayor Lyda Ann Thomas for her notable  
23 support of Juneteenth activities and extend to her sincere best  
24 wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

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1           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
2 prepared for Mayor Thomas as an expression of high regard by the  
3 Texas House of Representatives.