

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Ben Raimer has long been a valued supporter of
2 Juneteenth festivities in Galveston; and

3 WHEREAS, An official state holiday since 1980, Juneteenth
4 celebrates 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 freed the 250,000
7 slaves in Texas at the end of the Civil War; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Raimer is a board-certified pediatrician and the
9 senior vice president for health policy and legislative affairs at
10 The University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston; a leading
11 member of his profession, he has also distinguished himself through
12 his engagement in a number of community organizations and
13 activities; and

14 WHEREAS, Through the years, this public-spirited citizen has
15 given generously of his time and resources to benefit numerous
16 Juneteenth events in Galveston; a sponsor and participant in the
17 annual Juneteenth Banquet for many years, Dr. Raimer has also made
18 possible the Galveston Ashton Villa Juneteenth Monument Lighting
19 Project, and he hosted a meeting of the Texas Emancipation
20 Juneteenth Cultural and Historical Commission at the Sealy Mansion
21 in Galveston several years ago; and

22 WHEREAS, The support of this distinguished physician,
23 administrator, and community leader of this important annual
24 observance has helped to keep the spirit of Juneteenth alive in the

1 city of its origin; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
3 Legislature hereby commend Dr. Ben Raimer for his ongoing support
4 of Juneteenth activities in Galveston and extend to him sincere
5 best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for Dr. Raimer as an expression of high regard by the Texas
8 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 2365

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2365 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House