

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dwayne Jones has long been a valued supporter of the
2 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, Dwayne Jones is the executive director of the
9 Galveston Historical Foundation, one of the nation's largest local
10 preservation organizations; in addition to supporting the
11 installation of the state Juneteenth monument, he has assisted with
12 the annual Juneteenth Celebration at Ashton Villa and other
13 historic African American events on Galveston Island; and

14 WHEREAS, Through his ongoing efforts, Mr. Jones has helped to
15 ensure a continued awareness of this landmark event, not only in
16 Galveston but also across the state; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
18 Legislature hereby commend Dwayne Jones for his notable support of
19 Juneteenth activities and extend to him sincere best wishes for
20 continued success and happiness; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for Mr. Jones as an expression of high regard by the Texas
23 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 2367

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2367 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House