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H.R. No. 2367

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.