

By: Edwards

H.R. No. 2602

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Tilman Fertitta has proven himself to be a valued
2 supporter of the Juneteenth celebration 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 effectively freed
7 the 250,000 slaves in Texas at the end of the Civil War; and

8 WHEREAS, A Galveston native, Mr. Fertitta is the chief
9 executive officer of Landry's Restaurants, overseeing operations
10 for the well-known dining corporation; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Fertitta has provided a complimentary brunch for
12 the 500 attendees of the annual Juneteenth celebration at the
13 historic Ashton Villa in Galveston for many years, and that
14 tradition continues in 2009; and

15 WHEREAS, Through his dedication, Tilman Fertitta has helped
16 to heighten awareness of the history of Juneteenth for visitors and
17 residents of Galveston alike; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
19 Legislature hereby commend Tilman Fertitta for his outstanding
20 efforts in behalf of Juneteenth activities in Galveston and extend
21 to him sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness;
22 and, be it further

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