

By: Edwards

H.R. No. 2603

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jim Jamail 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, Mr. Jamail is president of Jamail & Smith
9 Construction, a Houston firm with more than 25 years of experience
10 in completing public and private construction projects throughout
11 the Lone Star State; and

12 WHEREAS, In 2007, this public-spirited Galveston native
13 donated the services of his company to construct and install the
14 base of the Ashton Villa Juneteenth Monument, and his act of
15 generosity resulted in a savings of more than \$18,000 for the Texas
16 Emancipation Juneteenth Cultural and Historical Commission; and

17 WHEREAS, Through his dedication, Jim Jamail has helped to
18 heighten awareness of the history of Juneteenth for visitors and
19 residents of Galveston alike; now, therefore, be it

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

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