

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Heber Taylor 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. Taylor serves as editor of the oldest newspaper  
9 in Texas, the *Galveston County Daily News*; the paper is the flagship  
10 publication of Southern Newspapers and caters to 33,000 weekday  
11 subscribers; and

12           WHEREAS, The *Daily News* provides exceptional coverage of  
13 Juneteenth and helps keep the public informed about related  
14 activities; the paper is the only daily news service in the county,  
15 and its support over the past decade has contributed to increased  
16 participation in the observance; and

17           WHEREAS, Through his dedication, Heber Taylor 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 Heber Taylor 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

H.R. No. 2605

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

Edwards

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2605 was adopted by the House on May 31, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House