

By: Edwards

H.R. No. 2605

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

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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.