

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 379

WHEREAS, Residents of Katy are visiting the Capitol on March 12, 2009, to celebrate the contributions of their fair city to the Lone Star State; and

WHEREAS, Located at the intersection of Harris, Waller, and Fort Bend Counties, Katy was settled in 1872 and incorporated in 1945; originally known as Cane Island, the city is thought to have taken its present-day name from the Missouri, Kansas, and Texas Railroad, which was established in the area in the 1890s; and

WHEREAS, The town's early economy depended on the production of cotton, peanuts, and corn, but those crops were outpaced by the introduction of rice farming in 1901; the discovery of natural gas in 1934 changed the fortunes of the town's residents, who profited from the size of the field's reserves and its proximity to Houston-area refineries; today, Katy remains an important rail and agricultural center and continues to reap the rewards of one of the largest gas fields in the state; and

WHEREAS, Residents and visitors alike enjoy the town's many cultural assets, including Heritage Park, which is home to a number of historic buildings, the Katy Veterans Memorial Museum, which features military exhibits of every foreign conflict involving the United States, and the Katy Heritage Museum, which houses vintage farming equipment and artifacts from Katy's agricultural and pioneer history; and

WHEREAS, The Katy Rice Harvest Festival attracts more than 50,000 people each year and gives area residents the opportunity to celebrate this staple of the community's economy; in addition, numerous parks offer a wide range of opportunities to outdoor enthusiasts; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1919, the award-winning Katy Independent School District also figures prominently in the high quality of life enjoyed by those who choose to make Katy their home; and

WHEREAS, With its profitable economy, small-town charm, and first-rate schools, Katy is a vibrant city with citizens who preserve the past and embrace the future, and it is a pleasure to pay tribute to the community and its residents at this time; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby recognize March 12, 2009, as Katy Day at the State Capitol and extend to all those present on this day sincere best wishes for an informative and enjoyable visit to Austin; and, be it further

S.R. No. 379

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of the City of Katy.

Hegar, Huffman, Patrick

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 4, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

Member, Texas Senate

Member, Texas Senate