

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Midland and Odessa are gathering
2 in Austin on February 15, 2011, to celebrate Midland-Odessa Day at
3 the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Set only 20 miles apart in the ranching and oil
5 country of West Texas, these vibrant Texas cities got their start as
6 stops on the Texas and Pacific Railway in the 1880s; by 1890,
7 Midland was one of the most important centers for shipping cattle in
8 Texas; and

9 WHEREAS, Odessa began its rapid growth with the discovery of
10 oil in the Permian Basin in the 1920s, and by the 1940s, it had grown
11 from 750 residents to 10,000; by 1929, Midland was home to 36 oil
12 companies, and the demand for oil during World War II helped Odessa
13 develop as a major processor and distributor of petroleum products,
14 home to the largest inland petrochemical complex in the world; and

15 WHEREAS, Today, Midland continues to be the financial and
16 administrative capital of the Permian Basin, while Odessa remains
17 the center for the region's oil processing and distribution;
18 looking to the future, the Midland Development Corporation and the
19 Odessa Development Corporation are working to strengthen and
20 diversify the area's economy; and

21 WHEREAS, Midland is proud to be the hometown of former
22 president George W. Bush and former first lady Laura Bush, as well
23 as the longtime home of former president George H. W. Bush, former
24 first lady Barbara Bush, and former Florida governor Jeb Bush; and

1 WHEREAS, Odessa and Midland boast many fine historical and
2 cultural attractions; in Odessa, the Presidential Museum is one of
3 only a few museums in the nation dedicated to the history of the
4 presidency, while the Parker House Museum evokes the life of a
5 prominent Texas ranching family; visitors and residents alike enjoy
6 the live productions at the replica of Shakespeare's Globe Theatre
7 on the campus of Odessa College; and

8 WHEREAS, Midland's Museum of the Southwest offers displays of
9 the art and archaeology of the American Southwest, and the
10 interactive exhibits of the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum present
11 the geology and history of oil in West Texas; the American Airpower
12 Heritage Museum of the Commemorative Air Force depicts the history
13 of the U.S. Air Force during World War II; the Midland Festival
14 Ballet, the Midland-Odessa Symphony and Chorale, and the Midland
15 Community Theatre offer live performances that inspire and
16 entertain; and

17 WHEREAS, For more than a century, the dynamic cities of
18 Midland and Odessa have been at the economic and cultural hub of
19 West Texas, and their citizens continue to celebrate their rich
20 history as they work hard to build a prosperous future; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
23 Legislature hereby recognize February 15, 2011, as Midland-Odessa
24 Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation best
25 wishes for a memorable and meaningful stay in Austin.

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Straus	Gonzales of Williamson	Morrison
Aliseda	Gonzalez	Munoz, Jr.
Allen	Gooden	Murphy
Alonzo	Guillen	Naishtat
Alvarado	Gutierrez	Nash
Anchia	Hamilton	Oliveira
Anderson of Dallas	Hancock	Orr
Anderson of McLennan	Hardcastle	Otto
Aycock	Harless	Parker
Beck	Harper-Brown	Patrick
Berman	Hartnett	Paxton
Bohac	Hernandez Luna	Pena
Bonnen	Hilderbran	Perry
Branch	Hochberg	Phillips
Brown	Hopson	Pickett
Burkett	Howard of Fort Bend	Pitts
Burnam	Howard of Travis	Price
Button	Huberty	Quintanilla
Cain	Hughes	Raymond
Callegari	Hunter	Reynolds
Carter	Isaac	Riddle
Castro	Jackson	Ritter
Chisum	Johnson	Rodriguez
Christian	Keffer	Schwertner
Coleman	King of Parker	Scott
Cook	King of Taylor	Sheets
Craddick	King of Zavala	Sheffield
Creighton	Kleinschmidt	Shelton
Crownover	Kolkhorst	Simpson
Darby	Kuempel	Smith of Harris
Davis of Dallas	Landtroop	Smith of Tarrant
J. Davis of Harris	Larson	Smithee
S. Davis of Harris	Laubenberg	Solomons
Deshotel	Lavender	Strama
Driver	Legler	Taylor of Collin
Dukes	Lewis	Taylor of Galveston
Dutton	Lozano	Thompson
Eiland	Lucio III	Torres
Eissler	Lyne	Truitt
Elkins	Madden	Turner
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Margo	Villarreal
Fletcher	Marquez	Vo
Flynn	Martinez	Walle
Frullo	Martinez Fischer	Weber
Gallego	McClendon	White
Garza	Menendez	Woolley
Geren	Miles	Workman
Giddings	Miller of Comal	Zedler
Gonzales of Hidalgo	Miller of Erath	Zerwas

H.R. No. 156

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 156 was adopted by the House on February 15, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House