

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The city of Laredo is celebrating the life of one of  
2 this nation's most revered leaders when it hosts the 114th  
3 Washington's Birthday Celebration, featuring more than a month of  
4 fun-filled events that began on January 14, 2011; and

5           WHEREAS, This special tradition dates back to February 1898,  
6 when the Laredo tribe of the Improved Order of Red Men, a patriotic  
7 fraternal organization descended from the Sons of Liberty, staged a  
8 spirited mock battle between the Red Men and the defenders of City  
9 Hall; the contest, which represented the colonial struggle against  
10 the British, ended with the Red Men victorious and the mayor's  
11 presentation of the key to the City of Laredo to the "Great Chief  
12 Sachem"; and

13           WHEREAS, Combining elements of Hispanic and Anglo cultures,  
14 the Laredo celebration features parades, pageants, and concerts, as  
15 well as a carnival, a family fun fest, and an air show, and is  
16 expected to attract some 400,000 attendees; among its most notable  
17 events are the Noche de Cabaret, Comedy Jam for George, Jalapeno  
18 Festival, the Princess Pocahontas Pageant and Ball, and the  
19 International Bridge Ceremony; moreover, on February 19, at the  
20 60th Annual Mr. South Texas Luncheon, Speaker Joe Straus is being  
21 honored as Mr. South Texas 2011; and

22           WHEREAS, George Washington, who was born in Virginia on  
23 February 22, 1732, left an indelible legacy as this nation's first  
24 commander in chief and president; admired for his courage, vision,

1 integrity, and leadership in the darkest days of early independence  
2 from Great Britain, he remains one of the most influential and  
3 respected United States presidents of all time; and

4 WHEREAS, The citizens of Laredo can take great pride in their  
5 city's celebration of our legendary Founding Father, and it is  
6 appropriate to take this opportunity to recognize and commend all  
7 who participate in the event; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
9 Legislature hereby commemorate the 2011 Washington's Birthday  
10 Celebration in Laredo and extend to its organizers and participants  
11 sincere best wishes for another successful and memorable  
12 observance; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for the members of the Washington's Birthday Celebration  
15 Association as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of  
16 Representatives.

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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. 185

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 185 was adopted by the House on January 25, 2011, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House