

By: Zedler

H.R. No. 292

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud citizens of Mansfield are gathering in Austin  
2 on February 8, 2011, to celebrate Mansfield Day at the State  
3 Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Located in North Central Texas, the Mansfield area  
5 was first settled by Scots-Irish pioneer farmers in the 1840s; the  
6 town itself developed some two decades later around a sawmill and a  
7 steam-powered gristmill built by Ralph S. Man and Julian B. Feild,  
8 for whom it was named; and

9 WHEREAS, The gristmill provided flour to the Confederate Army  
10 during the Civil War and later supplied flour and meal to Indian  
11 reservations and U.S. Army outposts in West Texas and New Mexico; in  
12 1869, Mansfield Male and Female College was founded, later becoming  
13 part of the Mansfield Independent School District; the town was  
14 incorporated in 1909; and

15 WHEREAS, Mansfield has since transformed from a rural farming  
16 community to a dynamic suburb of Fort Worth and Arlington; in the  
17 1970s, when the population was just 5,000, civic leaders encouraged  
18 graduate students from the Institute of Urban Studies at The  
19 University of Texas at Arlington to renovate the downtown, and  
20 today, more than 50,000 residents appreciate those efforts; and

21 WHEREAS, Boasting 240 acres of parkland and a popular annual  
22 Pecan Festival, Mansfield appeals to locals and tourists alike; the  
23 city's family friendly atmosphere as well as its easy access to  
24 Dallas and Fort Worth helped place it in *Money* magazine's top 25

1 places in the nation to live in 2009; and

2 WHEREAS, Mansfield combines the best qualities of small town  
3 life with all the advantages of a thriving Metroplex suburb, and its  
4 citizens may take great pride in their hometown's contributions to  
5 the culture and economy of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be  
6 it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
8 Legislature hereby recognize February 8, 2011, as Mansfield Day at  
9 the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere  
10 best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.