

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Goliad County may take justifiable
2 pride in their region's singular stature in the history and culture
3 of the Lone Star State; and

4 WHEREAS, Home to at least four Native American tribes, the
5 area now known as Goliad County was first settled by Europeans in
6 1749, although such legendary explorers as Cabeza de Vaca and La
7 Salle may have visited the area in the centuries before; and

8 WHEREAS, One of the first 23 counties established by the
9 first Congress of the Republic of Texas, Goliad played a central
10 role in the struggles and triumphs of the Texas Revolution, and the
11 first Declaration of Texas Independence was signed in the town of
12 Goliad in 1835; and

13 WHEREAS, Early Goliad County was known as an enclave of
14 freewheeling frontiersmen, but civilizing influences soon set the
15 county on the path toward stability and prosperity; and

16 WHEREAS, Historic landmarks that extol the area's colorful
17 past can be found throughout the county and include Fannin Plaza
18 Park, the grave of Colonel James W. Fannin, Jr., and his men, the
19 Goliad County Courthouse, Goliad State Park, and the General
20 Zaragoza State Historic Site; and

21 WHEREAS, The county's rich historical significance, combined
22 with the friendliness of its present-day residents, has made it a
23 popular destination among tourists from around the state, who enjoy
24 such events as the seasonal Goliad Market Days and the annual

1 Missions Tour de Goliad; and

2 WHEREAS, Citizens of Goliad County, past and present, have
3 made many notable contributions to the cultural fabric of the Lone
4 Star State, and they are indeed deserving of recognition; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
7 Legislature hereby honor the central role that Goliad County has
8 played in the history of the State of Texas and extend to its
9 residents sincere best wishes for the future.

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H.R. No. 697

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 697 was adopted by the House on March 17, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House