

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 9

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Cypress Top Historic Park, which is being honored with an official Texas Historical Marker and a dedication ceremony on June 14, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Located 26 miles northwest of Houston, within the Cypress Creek and Little Cypress Creek watersheds, the Cypress community began as a pre-republic settlement along Cypress Creek and has a long and storied past; and

WHEREAS, The first documented Anglo settlers in the region were members of the Matthew Burnett family, who built their home sometime between 1831 and 1835; and

WHEREAS, On April 16, 1836, Texas army commander Sam Houston and his troops stopped to stay overnight at the Burnett homestead; four days later, on April 21, 1836, Texas forces defeated the Mexican army in the Battle of San Jacinto, and Texas' independence was won; and

WHEREAS, As early as 1840, the Cypress area was home to a post office; in the late 1840s, German immigrants began to arrive, and in 1856, the Houston and Texas Central Railroad laid its first 26-mile segment, which ended at what was then called the Cypress Top depot and gave rise to a flourishing business district; and

WHEREAS, In 1897, Edward F. Juergen began buying up property around the depot; his descendants maintained ownership of the land and his business enterprises until 2005, when the property was donated to Harris County Precinct 3 to be preserved as a historic park; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend all those who have taken part in the preservation of Cypress Top Historic Park and extend best wishes to all attending the Texas Historical Marker dedication ceremony; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this occasion.

Patrick

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on June 6, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate