

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, St. Patrick's Day is commemorated every year by  
2 people of Irish ancestry all over the world, and each March for  
3 nearly 75 years, the city of Shamrock in the Panhandle has drawn  
4 countless visitors for its celebration of all things Irish; and

5           WHEREAS, Named by immigrant sheep rancher George Nickel in  
6 honor of his native land, Shamrock is home to an annual  
7 St. Patrick's Day gathering that was started in 1938 by Glen Truax,  
8 the town's bandmaster; sponsored by the Shamrock Booster Club, the  
9 first festival was a success, featuring 12 bands and drawing  
10 several thousand people; and

11           WHEREAS, The festival continued to grow until it was put on  
12 hold during World War II; revived by the American Legion and the  
13 Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1950, it was canceled again in 1951  
14 because of the Korean War, but in 1952, the Shamrock Chamber of  
15 Commerce took over the event, and it has continued to be held  
16 throughout the ensuing years; and

17           WHEREAS, Today, the Shamrock St. Patrick's Day festival  
18 lasts several days, starting with a kickoff banquet and a dance,  
19 followed by such events as a carnival, a fun run, an arts and crafts  
20 exhibition, a vintage car show, an Old Settlers reunion, a Donegal  
21 beard-growing competition, and the crowning of Miss Irish Rose, all  
22 done with a distinctively Hibernian flair; and

23           WHEREAS, Every spring, the Shamrock St. Patrick's Day event  
24 combines the best of Irish and Texas high spirits, making it one of

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1 the most unique and colorful community celebrations in the Lone  
2 Star State; now, therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas  
4 hereby designate the Shamrock St. Patrick's Day Celebration as the  
5 official St. Patrick's Day Celebration for the State of Texas.

Springer

Straus	M. Gonzalez of El Paso	Oliveira
Allen	N. Gonzalez of El Paso	Orr
Alonzo	Gooden	Otto
Alvarado	Guerra	Paddie
Anchia	Guillen	Parker
Anderson	Gutierrez	Patrick
Ashby	Harless	Perez
Aycock	Harper-Brown	Perry
Bell	Hernandez Luna	Phillips
Bohac	Herrero	Pickett
Bonnen of Brazoria	Hilderbran	Pitts
Bonnen of Galveston	Howard	Price
Branch	Huberty	Raney
Burkett	Hughes	Ratliff
Burnam	Hunter	Raymond
Button	Isaac	Reynolds
Callegari	Johnson	Riddle
Canales	Kacal	Ritter
Capriglione	Keffer	Rodriguez of Bexar
Carter	King of Hemphill	Rodriguez of Travis
Clardy	King of Parker	Rose
Coleman	King of Taylor	Sanford
Collier	King of Zavala	Schaefer
Cook	Kleinschmidt	Sheets
Cortez	Klick	Sheffield of Bell
Craddick	Kolkhorst	Sheffield of Coryell
Creighton	Krause	Simmons
Crownover	Kuempel	Simpson
Dale	Larson	Smith
Darby	Laubenberg	Smithee
Davis of Dallas	Lavender	Springer
J. Davis of Harris	Leach	Stephenson
S. Davis of Harris	Lewis	Stickland
Deshotel	Longoria	Strama
Dukes	Lozano	Taylor
Dutton	Lucio III	Thompson of Brazoria
Eiland	Marquez	Thompson of Harris
Elkins	Martinez	Toth
Fallon	Martinez Fischer	Turner of Collin
Farias	McClendon	Turner of Harris
Farney	Menendez	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miles	Villalba
Fletcher	Miller of Comal	Villarreal
Flynn	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Frank	Moody	Walle
Frullo	Morrison	White
Geren	Munoz, Jr.	Workman
Giddings	Murphy	Wu
Goldman	Naishtat	Zedler
Gonzales	Nevarez	Zerwas

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 83 was adopted by the House on March 12, 2013, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 83 was adopted by the Senate on March 12, 2013, by a viva-voce vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor