

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Citizens of Grimes County are joining together at  
2 the State Capitol to celebrate Grimes County Day on January 23,  
3 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, A landscape of lush forests and verdant savannah,  
5 the area that would later become Grimes County was inhabited by the  
6 Bidai people when Europeans first arrived in the region in the late  
7 1600s; it is thought that the famous French explorer La Salle met  
8 his untimely end near present-day Navasota in 1687; and

9 WHEREAS, In the 1820s, Anglo settlers began to move into the  
10 region, drawn by the rich bottomlands along the Navasota and Brazos  
11 Rivers; one of the first cotton crops in Texas was planted in the  
12 county, and with Anderson as its county seat, Grimes County was  
13 established in 1846 and named after Jesse Grimes, a signer of the  
14 Texas Declaration of Independence; and

15 WHEREAS, The arrival of the railroad in 1859 helped promote  
16 the growth of Navasota as a center of commerce, while two spas  
17 established in the 1850s, Kellum Springs and Piedmont Springs, drew  
18 many visitors to the county; and

19 WHEREAS, Today, the area's prosperity is based on livestock,  
20 agribusiness, and light manufacturing; the timber, lignite coal,  
21 and natural gas industries also contribute to the economy of the  
22 region; and

23 WHEREAS, Officially designated the Blues Capital of Texas by  
24 the 79th Texas Legislature in 2005, Navasota hosts the annual

1 BluesFest to commemorate the famous blues musician and native son  
2 Mance Lipscomb and to raise money for a scholarship in his name; the  
3 town is equally renowned for its picturesque downtown and  
4 Victorian-style houses, and its history is showcased in the Horlock  
5 History Center, a restored 1892 home; and

6 WHEREAS, Anderson boasts the striking Grimes County  
7 Courthouse, constructed of handmade bricks in 1894 and restored in  
8 2002; the town is also home to the Fanthorp Inn State Historic Site,  
9 a restored 19th-century stagecoach stop that hosted such famous  
10 figures as Sam Houston, Robert E. Lee, and Stonewall Jackson; and

11 WHEREAS, Residents and visitors alike enjoy the colorful  
12 Texas Renaissance Festival in Plantersville every October and  
13 November; another popular attraction is Gibbons Creek Reservoir,  
14 which offers ample recreational opportunities for fishing,  
15 camping, boating, and waterskiing; and

16 WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich history as they look forward  
17 to a bright future, the people of Grimes County are justifiably  
18 proud of their heritage and achievements, and their county's many  
19 contributions to the ongoing development of the Lone Star State are  
20 indeed deserving of special honor; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
22 Legislature hereby recognize January 23, 2013, as Grimes County Day  
23 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere  
24 best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.

Kolkhorst

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

H.R. No. 109

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 109 was adopted by the House on January 23, 2013, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House