

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Public-spirited citizens of Matagorda County are  
2 gathering in Austin to celebrate Matagorda County Day at the State  
3 Capitol on March 5, 2013; and

4           WHEREAS, Taking its name from the Spanish phrase meaning  
5 "thick brush," this region of prairie, salt marshes, and coastal  
6 waterways was visited by the French explorer La Salle in 1685; the  
7 area constituted part of Stephen F. Austin's first colony, and  
8 settlers began arriving through Matagorda Bay during the winter of  
9 1821-1822; in 1829, the town of Matagorda was established as a  
10 military post, and in 1836, Matagorda County became one of the  
11 original 23 counties of the Republic of Texas; and

12           WHEREAS, Matagorda ranked as the second-largest seaport in  
13 Texas for a time and served as a shipping point for cotton, sugar,  
14 and livestock raised in the county; when the boll weevil endangered  
15 the cotton crop in the early 20th century, farmers began to grow  
16 rice, and the discovery of oil and sulfur further diversified the  
17 county's economy; and

18           WHEREAS, Ranching, farming, and petroleum remain important,  
19 and the county also benefits from the presence of the South Texas  
20 Project nuclear plant, which generates enough electricity to power  
21 approximately two million homes in Texas; Bay City, the county  
22 seat, is a center of the petrochemical industry, while the port at  
23 Palacios is home to the largest fishing fleet on the Texas Gulf  
24 Coast; and

1           WHEREAS, Visitors and residents alike enjoy the county's fine  
2 beaches and its many opportunities for fishing and water sports,  
3 while birders from across the nation are drawn to the Mad Island  
4 Marsh and Wildlife Management Area; Bay City is the location of  
5 several major annual attractions--the annual county fair,  
6 livestock show, and rodeo, which take place in the early spring, and  
7 the Rice Festival, which is held in the fall; in between those  
8 dates, Palacios hosts the Texas Fishermen's Seafood Festival, in  
9 December, and a reenactment of La Salle's landing, every Fourth of  
10 July; and

11           WHEREAS, Matagorda County is an area of abundant natural  
12 resources and rich history, and its residents may take great pride  
13 in their notable heritage as they look forward to a future filled  
14 with promise; now, therefore, be it

15           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
16 Legislature hereby recognize March 5, 2013, as Matagorda County Day  
17 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere  
18 best wishes for a meaningful and memorable visit to Austin.

Bonnen of Brazoria

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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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 684 was adopted by the House on March 5, 2013, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House