

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud citizens of Brazoria County are gathering in
2 Austin to celebrate Brazoria County Day at the State Capitol on
3 March 19, 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, This section of coastal prairie along the Brazos
5 River was inhabited during the first three centuries of Texas'
6 recorded history by the nomadic Karankawa Indians; the Spanish
7 explorer Cabeza de Vaca passed through the region as early as 1528,
8 and the pirate Jean Lafitte was rumored to have used the mouth of
9 the Brazos as a refuge; and

10 WHEREAS, The region was settled in the 1820s by members of
11 Stephen F. Austin's Old Three Hundred; Henry Smith of Brazoria
12 served as the first American-born governor of the Mexican territory
13 of Texas and as a leader of the movement for independence, and the
14 town of Columbia served as the capital of Texas during the first
15 Texas Congress; in 1836, Brazoria County became one of the original
16 counties established by the new republic; and

17 WHEREAS, Farming and ranching initially constituted the
18 mainstays of the county's economy; the discovery of oil and sulfur
19 deposits in the early 20th century helped the region grow, and
20 chemical processing became increasingly important during World War
21 II and after; commercial fishing and the recreation industry have
22 helped to ensure continuing economic development; and

23 WHEREAS, Today, the eight cities of the Brazosport
24 area--Clute, Freeport, Jones Creek, Lake Jackson, Oyster Creek,

1 Quintana, Richwood, and Surfside Beach--boast excellent schools
2 and affordable housing; visitors and residents alike take great
3 pleasure in miles of sandy beaches, bay and offshore fishing, scuba
4 diving, and outstanding bird-watching at the Brazoria and San
5 Bernard National Wildlife Refuges; and

6 WHEREAS, Angleton, the county seat, abounds with antique
7 shops and scenic parks and hosts the county fair, one of the largest
8 in Texas, every October; the town of Alvin is home to the Nolan Ryan
9 Center, which celebrates the career of its native son and Baseball
10 Hall of Famer; moreover, the nearby town of Pearland is a center for
11 the chemical and oil industries; and

12 WHEREAS, The educational opportunities available to students
13 at Alvin Community College and Brazosport College further
14 contribute to the county's many amenities; and

15 WHEREAS, Even as they celebrate their rich heritage, the
16 hardworking citizens of Brazoria County are looking ahead to the
17 opportunities of the future and continuing to contribute greatly to
18 the growth and prosperity of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be
19 it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
21 Legislature hereby recognize March 19, 2013, as Brazoria County Day
22 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation best
23 wishes for a memorable and meaningful stay in Austin.

Thompson of Brazoria
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

H.R. No. 948

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 948 was adopted by the House on March 19, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House