

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud citizens of Katy are gathering in Austin to
2 celebrate Katy Day at the State Capitol on April 4, 2013; and

3 WHEREAS, Situated on the coastal prairie among the grasslands
4 and bayous, the community was originally known as Cane Island; it
5 was first settled in the 1870s as a farming community, with
6 residents primarily growing cotton, peanuts, and corn until 1901,
7 when William Eule introduced rice farming; the town came to be
8 called Katy, after the depot of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas
9 Railroad (the MKT)--or perhaps after the wife of a saloonkeeper;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The discovery of natural gas in 1934 changed the
12 fortunes of area residents, who profited from the size of the field
13 and its proximity to Houston's refineries; the city was
14 incorporated in 1945 and today is an important rail and
15 agricultural center; and

16 WHEREAS, The Katy Independent School District is one of the
17 fastest-growing in the state; having completed many new campuses in
18 the past decade, it now includes 35 elementary schools, 13 junior
19 highs, 8 high schools, a career technology center, and an
20 alternative high school; the district places a strong emphasis on
21 technology, providing computers in each classroom and stationary
22 and wireless labs in every school; student achievement on
23 standardized tests consistently surpasses statewide levels, and 19
24 Katy campuses have been designated as exemplary in the

1 accountability ratings compiled by the Texas Education Agency; and

2 WHEREAS, Several city attractions provide a window on the
3 area's past, including the Katy Heritage Museum, the vintage
4 buildings that make up Heritage Park, and the town's 1898 train
5 depot, which has been restored to house the MKT Museum; and

6 WHEREAS, Throughout the year, Katy hosts a number of popular
7 events that draw locals and visitors alike; the Katy Independent
8 School District FFA Livestock Show and Rodeo is held in February,
9 the Folk Life Festival takes place in April, and the Rice Harvest
10 Festival honors the city's agricultural traditions each October;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, For more than a century, Katy has been an
13 outstanding place to live and work, and its citizens may take great
14 pride in their contributions to the Lone Star State; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
17 Legislature hereby recognize April 4, 2013, as Katy Day at the State
18 Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation best wishes for an
19 enjoyable and informative stay in Austin.

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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. 1272

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1272 was adopted by the House on April 4, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House