

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Shelby County Day is being celebrated at the State  
2 Capitol on April 25, 2013, and this occasion provides a fine  
3 opportunity to pay tribute to this unique region of the Lone Star  
4 State; and

5           WHEREAS, Located alongside the Toledo Bend Reservoir on the  
6 Sabine River, the territory that now makes up Shelby County has  
7 drawn people for thousands of years; the Caddo were the chief  
8 inhabitants of the region by the time Spanish and French explorers  
9 arrived, and the first non-Native American settlers established  
10 farms in the late 1810s; and

11           WHEREAS, The area was organized as Tenehaw Municipality in  
12 1835, when Texas was still a part of Mexico, but it was renamed as  
13 Shelby County when it became one of the original counties of the  
14 Republic of Texas in 1836; its name was a tribute to Isaac Shelby, a  
15 hero of the American Revolution; and

16           WHEREAS, Throughout the county's history, agriculture and  
17 livestock have been mainstays of the local economy; the ample  
18 forests of the area are another major asset, supporting jobs in  
19 lumber processing and wood-product manufacturing and also drawing  
20 tourists; the Sabine National Forest is a favorite destination for  
21 outdoor recreation, as is Toledo Bend Reservoir, a quality spot for  
22 boating and fishing; and

23           WHEREAS, Center, the largest town, has been the county seat  
24 since 1866; it is home to the Shelby County Museum and the former

1 Shelby County Courthouse, a castle-like structure constructed in  
2 1885 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places; and

3 WHEREAS, Residents and visitors alike enjoy a variety of  
4 special events that dot the county's annual calendar, including the  
5 Center Fly-In, the Shelby County Sheriff's Posse PRCA Rodeo, the  
6 What-A-Melon Festival, and the East Texas Poultry Festival; thanks  
7 to its year-round charm and diverse amenities, Shelby County is now  
8 also a certified retirement community; and

9 WHEREAS, The city of Center was the recipient of a GO TEXAN  
10 Hardworking Rural Community award in 2010 from the Texas Department  
11 of Agriculture, recognizing Center, and Shelby County, for their  
12 achievements in rural tourism, job creation, leadership  
13 opportunities, community improvements, and overall economic  
14 development; winners of the award benefit from added statewide  
15 publicity and receive grants for future projects; and

16 WHEREAS, From the time of its establishment more than 175  
17 years ago, Shelby County has contributed to the rich and meaningful  
18 saga of the Lone Star State, and its citizens can be proud to claim  
19 allegiance to this scenic part of East Texas; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
21 Legislature hereby recognize April 25, 2013, as Shelby County Day  
22 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation best  
23 wishes for the future.

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Alonzo	Gooden	Otto
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Anchia	Guillen	Parker
Anderson	Gutierrez	Patrick
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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
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Fletcher	Miller of Comal	Villarreal
Flynn	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
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Giddings	Murphy	Wu
Goldman	Naishtat	Zedler
Gonzales	Nevarez	Zerwas

H.R. No. 1385

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1385 was adopted by the House on April 25, 2013, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House