

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 232

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to welcome the Tyler, Longview, and Kilgore delegations to Austin for East Texas Coalition Days at the State Capitol, which are being celebrated February 24 through 26, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Tyler is widely recognized as the region's preeminent center for medical care, and it provides exemplary educational opportunities to more than 18,000 college students who attend the city's many excellent institutions of higher education; its great natural beauty and such notable attractions as the Caldwell Zoo, the Tyler Rose Garden, the Tyler Museum of Art, and the award-winning Discovery Science Place draw thousands of visitors each year; and

WHEREAS, Longview is the seat of Gregg County and its largest city; it is home to LeTourneau University and boasts numerous cultural attractions, including the Longview Museum of Fine Arts, the Gregg County Museum, and the R. G. LeTourneau Museum; and

WHEREAS, Gregg County's thriving and diversified economy is led by agriculture and the petroleum industry and also features manufacturing and mining in prominent roles; tourists flock to the area for such attractions as the Great Texas Balloon Race in Longview, the Texas Shakespeare Festival in Kilgore, the Roughneck Day Festival in White Oak, and East Texas Gusher Days in Gladewater; and

WHEREAS, Kilgore is known as the City of Stars for the many star-topped derricks that crowd an acre of downtown real estate; it has been the home of such notables as pianist Van Cliburn,

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legendary Texas Ranger Manuel T. "Lone Wolf" Gonzauillas, and the celebrated Kilgore College Rangerettes; the East Texas Oil Museum celebrates the oil boom of the 1930s, and the city is still home to the largest oil field in the lower 48 states; and

WHEREAS, The people of East Texas have played a prominent role in our state's rich and colorful history, and it is truly fitting that their achievements be celebrated; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend the citizens of East Texas for their many outstanding contributions to the growth and prosperity of our state and extend to the delegations from Tyler, Longview, and Kilgore best wishes for a successful celebration of East Texas Coalition Days at the State Capitol; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this special occasion.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 18, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate