

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 February 10, 2015; 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 and recently became
23 the home of TenarisBayCity, an international pipe manufacturing
24 company, while the port at Palacios is home to the largest fishing

1 fleet on the Texas Gulf Coast; and

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

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

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
17 Legislature hereby recognize February 10, 2015, as Matagorda County
18 Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation
19 sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable visit to Austin.

Bonnen of Brazoria

Straus	Guerra	Otto
Allen	Guillen	Paddie
Alonzo	Gutierrez	Parker
Alvarado	Harless	Paul
Anchia	Hernandez	Peña
Anderson of Dallas	Herrero	Phelan
Anderson of McLennan	Howard	Phillips
Ashby	Huberty	Pickett
Aycock	Hughes	Price
Bell	Hunter	Raney
Blanco	Isaac	Raymond
Bohac	Israel	Reynolds
Bonnen of Brazoria	Johnson	Riddle
Bonnen of Galveston	Kacal	Rinaldi
Burkett	Keffer	Rodriguez of Bexar
Burns	Keough	Rodriguez of Travis
Burrows	King of Hemphill	Romero, Jr.
Button	King of Parker	Rose
Canales	King of Taylor	Sanford
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Schaefer
Clardy	Klick	Schofield
Coleman	Koop	Shaheen
Collier	Krause	Sheets
Cook	Kuempel	Sheffield
Craddick	Landgraf	Simmons
Crownover	Larson	Simpson
Dale	Laubenberg	Smith
Darby	Leach	Smithee
Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Spitzer
Davis of Harris	Lozano	Springer
Deshotel	Lucio III	Stephenson
Dukes	Márquez	Stickland
Dutton	Martinez	Thompson of Brazoria
Elkins	Martinez Fischer	Thompson of Harris
Faircloth	McClendon	Tinderholt
Fallon	Menéndez	Turner of Collin
Farias	Metcalf	Turner of Harris
Farney	Meyer	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miles	VanDeaver
Fletcher	Miller of Comal	Villalba
Flynn	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Frank	Moody	Walle
Frullo	Morrison	White of Bell
Galindo	Muñoz, Jr.	White of Tyler
Geren	Murphy	Workman
Giddings	Murr	Wray
Goldman	Naishtat	Wu
Gonzales	Nevárez	Zedler
González	Oliveira	Zerwas

H.R. No. 322

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 322 was adopted by the House on February 10, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House