

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Community leaders from Port Isabel are gathering in
2 Austin to celebrate Port Isabel Day at the State Capitol on March 3,
3 2015; and

4 WHEREAS, Originally inhabited by the Coahuiltecan Indians,
5 the land was settled in the late 18th century by Spanish colonists
6 who fished the Laguna Madre; in the 1820s, the village, then called
7 El Fronton, was claimed by Rafael Garcia as part of the Potrero de
8 Santa Isabel tract, and it later became known as Point Isabel in
9 1850; and

10 WHEREAS, Through the decades, the port served as a crucial
11 military outpost, first for Mexican soldiers and later for the
12 U.S. Army; in 1853, the town erected the Port Isabel Lighthouse,
13 which was used as a lookout during the Cortina War as well as the
14 Civil War, when it was the site of two battles and was occupied by
15 both Union and Confederate soldiers; and

16 WHEREAS, The town was incorporated as Port Isabel on March
17 23, 1928, and in the ensuing years, it became an important center
18 for processing shrimp and other seafood; in 1934, the city was
19 selected as the host of the first annual Texas International
20 Fishing Tournament, which continues to this day as the oldest
21 angling competition in Texas; and

22 WHEREAS, The construction of the Queen Isabella Causeway,
23 which connects Port Isabel to nearby South Padre Island, was
24 completed in 1954, making the town an even more popular tourist

1 destination; today, its bayside setting offers visitors scenic
2 beauty and a number of exceptional attractions, including fishing
3 piers, museums, shops, seafood restaurants, and hotels as well as
4 the annual Shrimp Fiesta; and

5 WHEREAS, The residents of Port Isabel are justifiably proud
6 of their city's heritage even as they continue to build upon the
7 many qualities that make their community a great place in which to
8 live, play, and work; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
10 Legislature hereby recognize March 3, 2015, as Port Isabel Day at
11 the State Capitol and extend best wishes to the visiting delegation
12 for an enjoyable visit to the seat of Texas government.

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

H.R. No. 646

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 646 was adopted by the House on March 3, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House