

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Civic and business leaders of the Coastal Bend are
2 gathering in Austin on February 25, 2015, to celebrate the many
3 qualities that make their region one of the state's premier
4 vacation destinations; and

5 WHEREAS, Each year, the Coastal Bend draws more than 8.6
6 million travelers from across the country and around the globe; in
7 Corpus Christi alone, approximately 7.4 million guests
8 collectively spend nearly 20 million days visiting the city,
9 thereby infusing over \$1.2 billion into the local economy and
10 supporting some 29,000 jobs; and

11 WHEREAS, The myriad popular attractions in the area include
12 the Padre Island National Seashore, the Texas State Aquarium, and
13 the South Texas Botanical Gardens and Nature Center, with its 182
14 acres of tropical flowers, butterflies, and parrots; in addition,
15 visitors enjoy such cultural and educational venues as the Art
16 Museum of South Texas, the Corpus Christi Museum of Science and
17 History, and the USS *Lexington* aircraft carrier; the Coastal Bend
18 also hosts many youth and amateur sporting events; and

19 WHEREAS, Tourism is a mainstay of the state economy as a
20 whole, generating billions of dollars in state and local tax
21 revenue while bolstering businesses related to transportation,
22 retail sales, dining, and entertainment; the Coastal Bend area
23 contributes significantly to the vibrancy of this industry in the
24 Lone Star State, and its residents may indeed take pride in the rich

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1 heritage and natural beauty that bring so many visitors to their
2 communities; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
4 Legislature hereby recognize February 25, 2015, as Coastal Bend Day
5 at the State Capitol and extend to the region's delegation sincere
6 best wishes for a memorable and enjoyable event.

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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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 655 was adopted by the House on February 25, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House