

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Many proud residents of Pharr are gathering in  
2 Austin on March 18, 2015, to celebrate City of Pharr Day at the  
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Rich with bicultural diversity, history, and  
5 beauty, Pharr is located in the Rio Grande Valley of South Texas,  
6 bordering Mexico, one of our nation's most vital strategic  
7 partners; the city sits at the major highway crossroads of  
8 Interstate 69 and Interstate 2 and serves as both a transportation  
9 hub and an important gateway for international business; and

10 WHEREAS, Named for Henry N. Pharr, a sugarcane grower, Pharr  
11 was incorporated in 1919; the economy was once based in agriculture  
12 but has since diversified greatly in areas such as retail, light  
13 manufacturing, entertainment, and shipping; the busy Pharr  
14 International Bridge has helped Pharr become the Rio Grande  
15 Valley's leader in trade with world partners, and the total trade  
16 value reached more than \$30 billion for 2014; and

17 WHEREAS, Pharr features first-class restaurants and  
18 nationally recognized retail shopping outlets, and its weather and  
19 location make it an attractive destination for sun-loving tourists,  
20 birders, and wildlife enthusiasts; the city has a low cost of  
21 living, low unemployment, and a young, dynamic workforce, and the  
22 Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Independent School District is emphasizing  
23 student retention and college readiness; and

24 WHEREAS, Known as the state's first Triple Crown City, Pharr

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1 was named a Main Street Community by the National Trust for Historic  
2 Preservation and a Preserve America City by the National Advisory  
3 Council on Historic Preservation, and it was also designated an  
4 All-America City by the National Civic League; and

5 WHEREAS, Pharr leads the region in developing innovative  
6 programs to inspire civic pride; these include the Landscape  
7 Partnership Program to enhance scenic beauty, City Hall on Call, an  
8 initiative bringing municipal leaders and staff into area  
9 neighborhoods to meet and consult with residents, and the Rio  
10 Grande Valley's first Police Athletic League for community youth;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Pharr is undoubtedly "A City of Firsts," and its  
13 residents may indeed take pride in their hometown's impressive  
14 growth and ongoing achievements; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
16 Legislature hereby recognize March 18, 2015, as City of Pharr Day at  
17 the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere  
18 best wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.

Muñoz, Jr.

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1256 was adopted by the House on March 18, 2015, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House