

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Masons from across Texas are assembling at the State
2 Capitol to celebrate Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas Day on April 8,
3 2015; and

4 WHEREAS, Following the Texas Revolution, a group of
5 Freemasons gathered in Houston in December 1837 to found the Grand
6 Lodge of the Republic of Texas; since then, the Texas Grand Lodge
7 has remained a constant and enduring presence in the Lone Star
8 State, with a tradition of leadership and service that has been
9 continued by each new generation of members; and

10 WHEREAS, The organization benefits from the able guidance of
11 the 2015 grand master, Dr. Michael L. Wiggins, who earned his
12 bachelor's, master's, and Ph.D. from Texas A&M University and is
13 president of an international oil and gas consulting firm; since
14 becoming a Mason in 1978, he has served the Grand Lodge in many key
15 roles, and he received the honorary 33rd Degree of the Scottish Rite
16 in 2005; and

17 WHEREAS, The other officers of the Texas lodge are Thomas W.
18 Ellison, Tommy D. Guest, James L. Kessler, Pierre G. Normand Jr.,
19 Scott L. Mills, Lawrence E. Tucker, Don Paul Payton, Donald R.
20 Sudduth, Bradley S. Billings, Ronald E. Lawrence, Barry D. Brunk
21 Sr., Jeffrey K. Haven, and Kenneth C. Curry; notable Masons can also
22 be found in the Texas Legislature, including Representatives Drew
23 Darby, DeWayne Burns, John Raney, and Doug Miller and Senators Troy
24 Fraser and John Whitmire; and

1 WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of Texas encompasses a number of
2 long-standing local lodges; among these, seven are celebrating
3 their centennial in 2015, namely the Army No. 1105, New Braunfels
4 1109, McAllen 1110, Fraternity 1111, Broaddus 1112, Southside 1114,
5 and Richards 1116; additionally, the Washington 1117, Texas City
6 1118, and Zanderson 1120 lodges are marking their 100th anniversary
7 in 2016; and

8 WHEREAS, Throughout the organization's long and
9 distinguished history, the members of the Grand Lodge of Texas have
10 sought to banish ignorance, promote peace, and relieve distress,
11 and in so doing, they have made innumerable contributions to the
12 Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
14 Legislature hereby recognize April 8, 2015, as Masonic Grand Lodge
15 of Texas Day at the State Capitol and commend all those involved for
16 their civic engagement; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas as an expression of
19 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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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	

H.R. No. 1685

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1685 was adopted by the House on April 8, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House