

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of Lifeway Church in Dallas gathered
2 together on June 15, 2017, to promote cultural awareness and honor
3 diversity through the celebration of Juneteenth; and

4 WHEREAS, The oldest known observance commemorating the end of
5 slavery in the United States, Juneteenth specifically celebrates
6 the emancipation of African American slaves throughout Texas; and

7 WHEREAS, On June 19, 1865, Union Major General Gordon Granger
8 arrived in Galveston with federal troops to provide military
9 support for Reconstruction efforts and to enforce President Abraham
10 Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation; that same day, General
11 Granger read publicly his General Order No. 3, which proclaimed
12 that all slaves were undeniably free from that date onward and that
13 there would be "an absolute equality of rights and rights of
14 property between former masters and slaves"; and

15 WHEREAS, Held on June 19 of each year, the commemoration of
16 this momentous event became known as "Juneteenth," and celebrations
17 grew over the decades to include recitations of the Emancipation
18 Proclamation, readings by notable people, and such festive
19 activities as singing, parades, rodeos, street fairs, and cookouts;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Juneteenth has been observed as an official holiday
22 in Texas since 1980, when legislation introduced by African
23 American State Representative Al Edwards during the 1979
24 legislative session took effect; with the adoption of that bill,

1 this special day became the first emancipation holiday in the
2 country to be granted official state recognition; and

3 WHEREAS, More than 150 years after emancipation was
4 proclaimed in Texas, Juneteenth continues to inspire gatherings
5 that honor the myriad achievements and immeasurable fortitude of
6 the African American community in the Lone Star State; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
9 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commemorate the 2017
10 Juneteenth celebration at Lifeway Church and extend to all those
11 associated with the church sincere best wishes for the future; and,
12 be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Lifeway Church as an expression of high regard by the
15 Texas House of Representatives.

Giddings

Straus	Goldman	Oliverson
Allen	Gonzales of Williamson	Ortega
Alonzo	González of El Paso	Paddie
Alvarado	Gooden	Parker
Anchia	Guerra	Paul
Anderson of Dallas	Guillen	Perez
Anderson of McLennan	Gutierrez	Phelan
Arévalo	Hefner	Phillips
Ashby	Hernandez	Pickett
Bailes	Herrero	Price
Bell	Hinojosa	Raney
Bernal	Holland	Raymond
Biedermann	Howard	Reynolds
Blanco	Huberty	Rinaldi
Bohac	Hunter	Roberts
Bonnen of Brazoria	Isaac	Rodriguez of Bexar
Bonnen of Galveston	Israel	Rodriguez of Travis
Burkett	Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Burns	Johnson of Harris	Rose
Burrows	Kacal	Sanford
Button	Keough	Schaefer
Cain	King of Hemphill	Schofield
Canales	King of Parker	Schubert
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Shaheen
Clardy	Klick	Sheffield
Coleman	Koop	Shine
Collier	Krause	Simmons
Cook	Kuempel	Smithee
Cortez	Lambert	Springer
Cosper	Landgraf	Stephenson
Craddick	Lang	Stickland
Cyrier	Larson	Stucky
Dale	Laubenberg	Swanson
Darby	Leach	Thierry
Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Thompson of Brazoria
Davis of Harris	Lozano	Thompson of Harris
Dean	Lucio III	Tinderholt
Deshotel	Martinez	Turner
Dukes	Metcalf	Uresti
Dutton	Meyer	VanDeaver
Elkins	Miller	Villalba
Faircloth	Minjarez	Vo
Fallon	Moody	Walle
Farrar	Morrison	White
Flynn	Muñoz, Jr.	Wilson
Frank	Murphy	Workman
Frullo	Murr	Wray
Geren	Neave	Wu
Gervin-Hawkins	Nevárez	Zedler
Giddings	Oliveira	Zerwas

H.R. No. 152

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 152 was adopted by the House on July 28, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House