

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The pecan enjoys an iconic status among Texans,  
2 beloved for its delicious taste as well as its importance to the  
3 state's economy; and

4           WHEREAS, Dating to prehistoric times, the pecan tree grows  
5 naturally in most of the state's river valleys; native to 152 of the  
6 254 counties, it is grown commercially in an even wider area, and  
7 many Texas residents delight in harvesting the pecans in their  
8 yards; and

9           WHEREAS, One of the healthiest nuts, the pecan is  
10 cholesterol- and gluten-free and high in antioxidants, and it  
11 contains 19 vitamins and minerals; it is also a natural source of  
12 high-quality protein and dietary fiber; and

13           WHEREAS, The pecan has long been a profitable crop for Texas  
14 farmers, and it is the only commercially grown nut in the state; as  
15 early as the 1850s, the Port of Galveston alone was exporting  
16 thousands of bushels each year, and by 1910, Texas produced nearly  
17 six million pounds of pecans annually; in the past century, the  
18 state has become one of the leading commercial producers of pecans  
19 in the nation; in 2014, it produced 61 million pounds, which  
20 contributed nearly \$108 million to the Texas economy; and

21           WHEREAS, Beyond its financial value, the pecan is prized for  
22 its rich flavor and for the diverse roles it plays in the culinary  
23 world, enriching everything from salads to side dishes to desserts;  
24 the reverence that Texans have for the nut is reflected in the

1 official honors it has received through the years; in 1919, the 36th  
2 Texas Legislature declared the pecan tree the state tree, in 1995,  
3 the 74th Legislature proclaimed pecan pie as the state pie, and in  
4 2001, the 77th Legislature designated the pecan as the state's  
5 official health nut; and

6 WHEREAS, Texas is one of few places where pecans are  
7 harvested in October, making that month a fitting time to pay  
8 tribute to the contributions of the pecan industry and to honor the  
9 special affection that residents of the Lone Star State have for  
10 this distinctly Texan delicacy; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
12 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby recognize October 2017 as  
13 Texas Pecan Month.

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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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 371 was adopted by the House on August 11, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House