

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Washington's Birthday Celebration Association,
2 in conjunction with its affiliated organizations, is presenting
3 Laredo's 120th commemoration of George Washington's birthday from
4 January 19 through February 20, 2017; and

5 WHEREAS, Every year, citizens of Laredo mark the birthday of
6 the Father of Our Country, in tribute to a champion of liberty who
7 is revered in countries throughout the Americas; for nearly a
8 century, the observance has been organized by the Washington's
9 Birthday Celebration Association, which is led this year by its
10 2016-2017 president, Eddie Villarreal; and

11 WHEREAS, Since the celebration's beginning as a two-day
12 affair in 1898, it has gradually evolved into a grand festival
13 encompassing numerous events and drawing some 400,000 people; those
14 attending the festivities enjoy marching bands and parade floats,
15 spectacular fireworks displays, food, games, and performances by
16 entertainers from both sides of the border; additionally, the
17 association annually selects two individuals to portray George and
18 Martha Washington at various celebration events, and this year the
19 honor has gone to Douglas Blair Howland and Linda Lopez-Howland;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, This much-anticipated celebration exemplifies the
22 spirit and enthusiasm of Laredoans and the pride they take in their
23 city and country; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby recognize the members of the Washington's
2 Birthday Celebration Association for their patriotism and
3 dedication and extend to them sincere best wishes for a joyous 120th
4 Washington's Birthday Celebration; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for the association as an expression of high regard by the
7 Texas House of Representatives.

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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. 143 was adopted by the House on January 25, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House