

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Aransas County are gathering in
2 Austin to celebrate Aransas County Day at the State Capitol on
3 February 23, 2017; and

4 WHEREAS, This region of thousand-year-old oaks, coastal
5 prairie, and sandy beaches was first inhabited by native peoples
6 8,000 years ago; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1828, the Mexican government awarded an
8 empresario grant to bring in settlers from Ireland and Mexico, and
9 not long after the Civil War, the towns of Fulton and Rockport were
10 founded as ports for the cattle business; Aransas County was formed
11 in 1871 and named after a Spanish palace; and

12 WHEREAS, Aransas County is the gateway to the 116,000-acre
13 Aransas National Wildlife Refuge, where the amazing whooping cranes
14 spend the winter, and Goose Island State Park, which has over
15 200,000 visitors annually; and

16 WHEREAS, Rockport and Fulton Harbors are the home ports of
17 many popular boating excursions for birders, dolphin watchers, and
18 devotees of deep-sea and bay fishing, while the beautifully lit
19 Fulton Harbor Pier and 8,690-foot-long Copano Bay Pier offer
20 first-rate opportunities for angling; and

21 WHEREAS, The county's history is evoked by the 19th century
22 Fulton Mansion and the 1870s Victorian-style Aransas County History
23 Center, while the official Texas Maritime Museum in Rockport
24 celebrates the marine heritage of the Lone Star State; the Rockport

1 Center for the Arts is a hub for the region's thriving cultural
2 scene, which includes such festive annual events as the Bountiful
3 Bowl Pottery Fair, the Fulton Oysterfest, the Rockport Film
4 Festival, the HummerBird Celebration, LaMardi Gras, and the annual
5 Rockport Festival of Wines; and

6 WHEREAS, Blessed with more magnificent bays than land, more
7 redfish and trout than cars, and a chamber of commerce with a
8 five-star rating, Aransas County is one of the treasures of the Lone
9 Star State, and its citizens may indeed take great pride in their
10 heritage and look forward to a future filled with opportunity and
11 good times; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize February 23, 2017, as Aransas County
14 Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation
15 sincere best wishes for a memorable and meaningful visit to Austin.

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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

H.R. No. 407

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 407 was adopted by the House on February 23, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House