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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Missouri City are gathering in  
2 Austin on March 8, 2017, to celebrate Missouri City Day at the State  
3 Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated along the Brazos River a few miles  
5 southwest of Houston, the town was created by real estate promoters  
6 R. M. Cash and L. E. Luckle, who called it a "land of genial  
7 sunshine and eternal summer"; another promoter, W. R. McElroy,  
8 named it Missouri City to attract residents of St. Louis; the  
9 self-styled "Show Me City" was originally an agricultural hub for  
10 local farmers and ranchers, shipping cotton, corn, cattle, and  
11 sugarcane, and oil and natural gas were discovered nearby in the  
12 1920s; the city was incorporated in 1956; and

13 WHEREAS, Today, this thriving community of more than 74,000  
14 people is winning accolades as an ideal place to live and raise a  
15 family; a certified Texas Scenic City, it has been listed by *CNN*  
16 *Money* magazine in the top 100 Best Places to Live among the nation's  
17 small cities and as one of the nation's 10 most affordable cities;  
18 CQ Press has placed it among the 100 safest towns in America, and a  
19 Rice University study cited it as one of the most diverse  
20 municipalities in the Houston area; and

21 WHEREAS, Missouri City's residents may take advantage of the  
22 many fine opportunities for recreation, including 20 parks, a  
23 25,000-square-foot Recreation and Tennis Center, and the  
24 city-owned, 36-hole Quail Valley Golf Course, which was named Best

1 Value Under \$50 by *Avid Golfer* magazine; and

2 WHEREAS, Conveniently located only minutes from the  
3 amenities of Houston, Missouri City is strategically located close  
4 to major freeways and rail lines, George Bush Intercontinental  
5 Airport and William P. Hobby Airport, and the Port of Houston;  
6 commuters also benefit from ready access to two METRO Park and Ride  
7 locations; and

8 WHEREAS, The residents of Missouri City may indeed take great  
9 pride in their dynamic community and in the care with which they are  
10 building a bright tomorrow while preserving the city's charm; now,  
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
13 Legislature hereby recognize March 8, 2017, as Missouri City Day at  
14 the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere  
15 best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.