

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Citizens of Wharton County are gathering in Austin
2 on February 28, 2017, to celebrate Wharton County Day at the State
3 Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Wharton County was founded in April of 1846, and its
5 name commemorates two heroes of the Texas Revolution, brothers
6 William Harris Wharton and John Austin Wharton; and

7 WHEREAS, Wharton County is located on the Coastal Plain
8 southwest of Houston; the county is bounded by Matagorda, Colorado,
9 and Jackson Counties and by the San Bernard River, which forms its
10 northeastern border and marks the county line with Fort Bend
11 County; and

12 WHEREAS, Wharton County has more than 41,000 residents and
13 encompasses 1,086 square miles of land, which is divided primarily
14 between prairie and timberland; the Colorado River traverses the
15 county from northwest to southeast, dividing it roughly in half and
16 flowing through Wharton and Glen Flora; and

17 WHEREAS, Prospective landowners first came to the plains of
18 the Colorado River in 1822, led by Stephen F. Austin under contract
19 with the Mexican government; the Mexican Imperial Colonization Law
20 of 1823 granted 177 acres to the heads of families for farming and
21 4,428 acres for raising cattle; and

22 WHEREAS, During the time of the Republic of Texas, the area
23 was divided into three counties, Matagorda, Jackson, and Colorado,
24 and the area consisted of isolated plantation homes and two growing

1 towns, Preston and Egypt; and

2 WHEREAS, After Texas entered the United States in 1845,
3 Wharton County was formed of parts of the three existing counties
4 near the intersection of the mail routes from Matagorda to Columbus
5 and from Houston to Victoria; and

6 WHEREAS, The advent of railroads and irrigation brought
7 increased settlement to the area, which remains a center of
8 agricultural, educational, industrial, and medical services for a
9 large region; and

10 WHEREAS, Wharton County's largest cities and townships are El
11 Campo, Wharton, East Bernard, Boling, and Louise; and

12 WHEREAS, Wharton, the county seat, is known for its
13 small-town way of life and its Czech, Danish, and Mexican heritage;
14 it offers proximity to both Houston and the Gulf Coast, and
15 outstanding festivals; it is also noted for its excellent schools
16 and championship football teams; and

17 WHEREAS, Residents of Wharton County can take pride in their
18 rich history and heritage as they look forward to a promising
19 future; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
21 Legislature hereby recognize February 28, 2017, as Wharton County
22 Day at the State Capitol and extend sincere best wishes to all
23 participants for an informative and enjoyable day in 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. 709

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 709 was adopted by the House on February 28, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House