

R E S O L U T I O N

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

4           WHEREAS, From the time in 1904 when Lon C. Hill chose a site  
5 alongside the St. Louis, Brownsville, and Mexico Railway as the  
6 location for a new town, Harlingen was destined to become a  
7 crossroads of commerce; transportation kept pace as the city  
8 developed, and today residents and businesses benefit from its  
9 proximity to the Free Trade International Bridge at Los Indios, and  
10 the Port of Harlingen provides access to the Intracoastal Waterway;  
11 additionally, the city's World War II airfield has developed into  
12 the region's largest airport, Valley International; and

13           WHEREAS, The area's climate and abundant natural resources  
14 have made Harlingen a popular destination for numerous travelers,  
15 including winter Texans, birders, and outdoor enthusiasts;  
16 attractions include the Iwo Jima memorial, the historic downtown  
17 district, and a variety of parks and sports facilities; and

18           WHEREAS, Through the creation of an expansive irrigation  
19 system and a significant network of railroads, the nearby city of  
20 San Benito developed its early economy as a shipping center for  
21 citrus and vegetables from the lower Rio Grande Valley; today, the  
22 city enjoys easy access to the border, a robust industrial park, and  
23 a growing tourist industry; and

24           WHEREAS, San Benito has helped to promote, preserve, and

1 support a number of important cultural institutions, and the city  
2 is home to the Texas Conjunto Music Hall of Fame and Museum, the San  
3 Benito History Museum, the Freddy Fender Museum, and the Narciso  
4 Martinez Cultural Arts Center; and

5 WHEREAS, Harlingen and San Benito have become a regional  
6 health care hub, with the Valley Baptist Health System, the  
7 Harlingen Medical Center, and the Su Clinica Familiar; residents of  
8 both cities also benefit from the educational opportunities  
9 presented by Texas State Technical College and the Regional  
10 Academic Health Center; and

11 WHEREAS, The people of Harlingen and San Benito may take  
12 great pride in their achievements as they work together to build a  
13 bright future, and it is indeed fitting to honor them for their  
14 contributions to the story of the Lone Star State; now, therefore,  
15 be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
17 Legislature hereby recognize March 8, 2017, as Harlingen-San Benito  
18 Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation  
19 sincere best wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in  
20 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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 726 was adopted by the House on March 2, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House