

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Proud citizens of Brazoria County are gathering in  
2 Austin to celebrate Brazoria County Day at the State Capitol on  
3 March 7, 2017; and

4           WHEREAS, This section of coastal prairie along the Brazos  
5 River was inhabited during the first three centuries of Texas'  
6 recorded history by the nomadic Karankawa Indians; the Spanish  
7 explorer Cabeza de Vaca passed through the area as early as 1528,  
8 and the pirate Jean Lafitte was rumored to have used the mouth of  
9 the Brazos as a refuge; and

10           WHEREAS, The region was settled in the 1820s by members of  
11 Stephen F. Austin's Old Three Hundred; Henry Smith of Brazoria  
12 served as the first American-born governor of the Mexican territory  
13 of Texas and as a leader of the movement for independence; the town  
14 of Columbia was the capital of Texas during the first Texas  
15 Congress, and in 1836, Brazoria County became one of the original  
16 counties established by the new republic; and

17           WHEREAS, Farming and ranching initially constituted the  
18 mainstays of the county's economy; the discovery of oil and sulfur  
19 deposits in the early 20th century helped the region grow, and  
20 chemical processing became increasingly important during World War  
21 II and after; commercial fishing and the recreation industry have  
22 helped to ensure continuing economic development; and

23           WHEREAS, Today, the numerous cities and towns of Brazoria  
24 County boast excellent schools and affordable housing; visitors and

1 residents alike take great pleasure in miles of sandy beaches, bay  
2 and offshore fishing, scuba diving, outstanding bird-watching, and  
3 the Brazoria and San Bernard National Wildlife Refuges; the county  
4 is also home to such attractions as the Nolan Ryan Center and the  
5 Varner-Hogg Plantation State Historic Site, and the county seat of  
6 Angleton annually hosts the Brazoria County Fair, one of the  
7 largest events of its kind in Texas; and

8         WHEREAS, The educational opportunities available to students  
9 at Alvin Community College, Brazosport College, and the University  
10 of Houston-Clear Lake Pearland Campus further contribute to the  
11 county's many amenities; and

12         WHEREAS, The largest chemical complex in North America, the  
13 Texas Gulf Coast Regional Airport, and a flourishing health care  
14 industry are among the major contributors to economic growth in the  
15 county, and Port Freeport, ranked 26th in the United States in  
16 foreign tonnage, is one of the fastest growing ports on the Gulf  
17 Coast; and

18         WHEREAS, The people of Brazoria County take great pride in  
19 their rich history as they work together to build an even brighter  
20 future, and it is indeed a privilege to honor them and their unique  
21 contributions to the story of the Lone Star State; now, therefore,  
22 be it

23         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
24 Legislature hereby recognize March 7, 2017, as Brazoria County Day  
25 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation best  
26 wishes for a meaningful and enjoyable stay in Austin.

Bonnen of Brazoria

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. 738

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 738 was adopted by the House on March 7, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House