

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Port Aransas are gathering in
2 Austin on April 4, 2017, to celebrate Port Aransas Day at the State
3 Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, In the early 1800s, Mustang Island was frequented by
5 the famed buccaneer Jean Lafitte, and in 1855, an English sheep and
6 cattle rancher named Robert A. Mercer built a cabin on the island; a
7 community developed around the site, and the first post office was
8 established in 1888 and called Ropesville; eight years later it was
9 renamed Tarpon to highlight the island's fine fishing, and in 1911,
10 the town was officially designated as Port Aransas; and

11 WHEREAS, Since World War II, the city has become one of the
12 most popular resort destinations on the Texas Gulf Coast, and the
13 superb beaches draw campers, swimmers, and surfers from across the
14 Lone Star State; the town's launching ramps, lighted piers, and
15 jetties enable anglers to catch a wide variety of fish, including
16 red snapper, shark, sand trout, tuna, and bonito, and the region's
17 diverse range of sea life can also be appreciated at The University
18 of Texas Marine Science Institute; and

19 WHEREAS, Port Aransas is one of the top bird-watching
20 locations in the country, and many areas afford fine opportunities
21 to view local species such as herons and roseate spoonbills as well
22 as the annual migrations of hummingbirds, flycatchers, and orioles;
23 additionally, visitors may delight in the town's art galleries,
24 shops, restaurants, and locations of historical interest; and

1 WHEREAS, Blessed with natural beauty and a colorful history,
2 Port Aransas is one of the Lone Star State's great treasures, and
3 its citizens may indeed take pride in their rich heritage and
4 ongoing achievements; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
6 Legislature hereby recognize April 4, 2017, as Port Aransas Day at
7 the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
8 best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay 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. 1224

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1224 was adopted by the House on April 4, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House