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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Missouri City Juneteenth Celebration Foundation
2 is hosting its 15th annual Juneteenth event over five separate days
3 in June 2017, commemorating the 152nd anniversary of the end of
4 slavery in Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, On June 19, 1865, the Union Army landed in
6 Galveston, and General Gordon Granger issued an order in accordance
7 with President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation,
8 freeing all the slaves in the State of Texas; in the years since,
9 this act of liberation has been celebrated across the state as
10 Juneteenth; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2002, city council member Don Smith brought
12 together residents, businesspeople, and civic leaders to establish
13 the Missouri City Juneteenth Celebration Foundation in order to
14 honor this significant event each year; the city's 2017 Juneteenth
15 celebration kicks off with a reception at Freedom Tree Park on June
16 8 and continues with a "family funday" at Hunters Glen Park on June
17 16; the commemoration culminates on June 17 with the Juneteenth
18 Parade and a "battle of the bands"; and

19 WHEREAS, The Missouri City festival also includes the
20 Scholarship Golf Tournament on June 12 and the Community Service
21 Awards Gala on June 15, which raise money for college scholarships;
22 over the years, these funds have helped deserving students from
23 Fort Bend County attend such fine schools as Baylor University,
24 Texas Southern University, Prairie View A&M University, and The

1 University of Texas; and

2 WHEREAS, Benefiting from the continued leadership of founder
3 and chair Don Smith, the Missouri City Juneteenth Celebration
4 Foundation fosters goodwill and fellowship among area residents
5 each year by bringing them together to celebrate one of the most
6 significant dates in the history of the Lone Star State; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
9 Legislature hereby commemorate the 15th anniversary of the Missouri
10 City Juneteenth Celebration Foundation and extend to all those
11 involved with the organization sincere best wishes for a successful
12 2017 event; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for the foundation as an expression of high regard by the
15 Texas House of Representatives.