

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Italians and Americans of Italian descent have
2 played a central role in the history and culture of our nation; and

3 WHEREAS, This heritage runs deep in Texas, from the earliest
4 days of our state; an Italian named Prospero Bernardi was among the
5 men who fought at Goliad and the Battle of San Jacinto, and Giuseppe
6 Cassini helped to finance the Texas War for Independence; a century
7 later, the sculptor Pompeo Coppini designed Sam Houston's grave
8 monument in Huntsville, the monument in Texas Heroes Square in
9 Gonzales, and the Alamo Cenotaph in San Antonio; and

10 WHEREAS, Other notable Italians in Texas include Joe Grasso,
11 a native of Sicily who pioneered the shrimp industry along the Gulf
12 Coast, Frascio Fossati, who started the oldest delicatessen in
13 Texas, Salvatore Lucchese, who established the Lucchese brand of
14 boots in San Antonio, and Frederick Ruffini, an architect who
15 designed opera houses, office buildings, and courthouses all across
16 the state; and

17 WHEREAS, Houston native Jack Valenti was a decorated combat
18 pilot during World War II, a special assistant to President Lyndon
19 Johnson, and the head of the Motion Picture Association of America
20 for nearly 40 years; Romano's Macaroni Grill, the popular
21 nationwide chain of Italian restaurants, was founded by Texan
22 Philip J. Romano and maintains its headquarters in Houston; and

23 WHEREAS, In 1890, the Christopher Columbus Italian Society in
24 San Antonio established the first Italian hall in Texas, and the

1 Beaumont and San Antonio chapters of the Sons of Italy have donated
2 considerable sums to be used for scholarships, medical research,
3 disaster relief, and other causes over the years; and

4 WHEREAS, The celebration of Italian History Month provides a
5 fitting occasion to celebrate the rich history of Italians and
6 Italian Americans in Texas and the special contributions people of
7 Italian descent have made to our state and nation; now, therefore,
8 be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
10 Legislature hereby recognize October 2017 as Italian History Month
11 in the State of Texas.

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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. 2282 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House