

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On Mother's Day, May 13, 2018, sons and daughters
2 across Texas and the nation will make an extra effort to honor those
3 special women who raised them and to celebrate the fundamental and
4 enduring institution of motherhood; and

5 WHEREAS, This annual celebration took root in the years
6 before the Civil War, when Ann Reeves Jarvis organized "Mother's
7 Day Work Clubs" to reduce child mortality by improving sanitation
8 conditions and to help nurse and provide medicine for the sick;
9 after the war, Mrs. Jarvis created "Mother's Friendship Day," for
10 which mothers in West Virginia gathered with former Union and
11 Confederate soldiers to promote reconciliation; and

12 WHEREAS, After the death of Ann Reeves Jarvis in 1905, her
13 daughter, Anna Jarvis, envisioned a regular observance of Mother's
14 Day, when individuals would visit their mothers or attend church
15 while wearing white carnations, her own mother's favorite flower;
16 in May 1908, Miss Jarvis arranged for a Mother's Day celebration to
17 be held at St. Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Anna Jarvis went on to establish the Mother's Day
20 International Association, and she embarked upon a letter-writing
21 campaign urging legislators across the nation to adopt the holiday;
22 by 1912, many states, communities, and churches across the country
23 had begun to celebrate Mother's Day, and in 1914, President Woodrow
24 Wilson created the national holiday by officially designating the

1 second Sunday in May as a "public expression of our love and
2 reverence for the mothers of our country"; and

3 WHEREAS, In the words of the poet Robert Browning, motherhood
4 is where "all love begins and ends," and over the course of the past
5 century, Mother's Day has become a treasured occasion when we
6 celebrate the irreplaceable bond between mother and child and when
7 Americans of all ages and backgrounds express their affection and
8 gratitude to the women who nurtured, comforted, educated, and loved
9 them; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
11 Legislature hereby commemorate Mother's Day 2018 and pay tribute to
12 all the mothers of the Lone Star State.

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H.R. No. 2570

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2570 was adopted by the House on May 28, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House