

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Proud residents of Laredo are gathering in Austin to  
2 celebrate Laredo Day at the State Capitol on January 30, 2019; and

3           WHEREAS, Originally known as San Agustin de Laredo, the city  
4 was founded in 1755 as an outpost of the Spanish empire; it later  
5 belonged to Mexico, after that country gained independence from  
6 Spain in 1821, and nearly two decades later it was named the capital  
7 of the short-lived Republic of the Rio Grande; Laredo became part of  
8 Texas in 1846 and was subsequently chosen as the county seat of Webb  
9 County; and

10           WHEREAS, From its earliest days, Laredo was an important  
11 crossing on the Rio Grande and a trading center for livestock,  
12 hides, and wool; its role in international trade expanded with the  
13 arrival of the railroad in 1881 and with the development of the Zona  
14 Libre, or free trade zone, along the border between the United  
15 States and Mexico; its economy was further helped by coal mining,  
16 the introduction of onion farming, and the discovery of rich oil and  
17 gas fields; and

18           WHEREAS, Today, this bustling gateway city is the largest  
19 inland port along the U.S.-Mexico border and one of the top  
20 U.S. Customs districts in the nation, and its diverse economy  
21 benefits from the retail, hospitality, import and export, and  
22 petroleum industries; the city handles more than a third of all  
23 trade between the United States and Mexico; Laredo is also a focus  
24 for higher education in the Rio Grande Valley, as the home to Texas

1 A&M International University, two campuses of Laredo Community  
2 College, and a regional campus of The University of Texas Health  
3 Science Center; and

4 WHEREAS, Visitors and residents alike may explore such area  
5 attractions as the historic San Agustin Cathedral, the Republic of  
6 the Rio Grande Museum, and the Laredo Center for the Arts, while 40  
7 blocks of import vendors along San Bernardo Avenue draw shoppers  
8 from near and far; in addition, Laredo is home to Washington's  
9 Birthday Celebration, a month-long event that includes a carnival,  
10 a colonial pageant, a jalapeño festival, and a parade; and

11 WHEREAS, Boasting a rich heritage and a vibrant international  
12 culture, the people of Laredo may indeed take great pride in the  
13 role their community continues to play in the story of the Lone Star  
14 State; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
16 Legislature hereby recognize January 30, 2019, as Laredo Day at the  
17 State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best  
18 wishes for an enjoyable and informative visit to Austin.

Raymond

Bonnen of Brazoria	Guerra	Oliverson
Allen	Guillen	Ortega
Allison	Gutierrez	Pacheco
Anchia	Harless	Paddie
Anderson	Harris	Parker
Ashby	Hefner	Patterson
Bailes	Hernandez	Paul
Beckley	Herrero	Perez
Bell of Kaufman	Hinojosa	Phelan
Bell of Montgomery	Holland	Price
Bernal	Howard	Ramos
Biedermann	Huberty	Raney
Blanco	Hunter	Raymond
Bohac	Israel	Reynolds
Bonnen of Galveston	E. Johnson of Dallas	Rodriguez
Bowers	J. Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Buckley	Johnson of Harris	Rose
Bucy	Kacal	Rosenthal
Burns	King of Hemphill	Sanford
Burrows	King of Parker	Schaefer
Button	King of Uvalde	Shaheen
Cain	Klick	Sheffield
Calanni	Krause	Sherman, Sr.
Canales	Kuempel	Shine
Capriglione	Lambert	Smith
Clardy	Landgraf	Smithee
Cole	Lang	Springer
Coleman	Larson	Stephenson
Collier	Leach	Stickland
Cortez	Leman	Stucky
Craddick	Longoria	Swanson
Cyrier	Lozano	Talarico
Darby	Lucio III	Thierry
Davis of Dallas	Martinez	Thompson of Brazoria
Davis of Harris	Martinez Fischer	Thompson of Harris
Dean	Metcalf	Tinderholt
Deshotel	Meyer	Toth
Dominguez	Meza	Turner of Dallas
Dutton	Middleton	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miller	VanDeaver
Flynn	Minjarez	Vo
Frank	Moody	Walle
Frullo	Morrison	White
Geren	Muñoz, Jr.	Wilson
Gervin-Hawkins	Murphy	Wray
Goldman	Murr	Wu
González of Dallas	Neave	Zedler
González of El Paso	Nevárez	Zerwas
Goodwin	Noble	Zwiener

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 121 was adopted by the House on January 30, 2019, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House