

By: Thompson of Brazoria

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud citizens of Brazoria County are gathering in  
2 Austin to celebrate Brazoria County Day at the State Capitol on  
3 March 5, 2019; and

4 WHEREAS, This section of coastal prairie along the Brazos  
5 River was settled in the 1820s by members of Stephen F. Austin's Old  
6 Three Hundred; Henry Smith of Brazoria served as the first  
7 American-born governor of the Mexican territory of Texas and as a  
8 leader of the movement for independence; the town of Columbia was  
9 the capital of Texas during the first Texas Congress, and in 1836,  
10 Brazoria County became one of the original counties established by  
11 the new republic; and

12 WHEREAS, Farming and ranching initially constituted the  
13 mainstays of the county's economy; the discovery of oil and sulfur  
14 deposits in the early 20th century helped the region grow, and  
15 chemical processing became increasingly important during World War  
16 II and after; commercial fishing and the recreation industry have  
17 helped to ensure continuing economic development; and

18 WHEREAS, Today, the numerous cities and towns of Brazoria  
19 County boast excellent schools and affordable housing; visitors and  
20 residents alike take great pleasure in miles of sandy beaches, bay  
21 and offshore fishing, scuba diving, outstanding bird-watching, and  
22 the Brazoria and San Bernard National Wildlife Refuges; the county  
23 is also home to such attractions as the Nolan Ryan Center and the  
24 Varner-Hogg Plantation State Historic Site, and the county seat of

1 Angleton annually hosts the Brazoria County Fair, one of the  
2 largest events of its kind in Texas; and

3 WHEREAS, The educational opportunities available to students  
4 at Alvin Community College, Brazosport College, and the University  
5 of Houston-Clear Lake Pearland Campus further enhance the quality  
6 of life in the county; and

7 WHEREAS, The largest chemical complex in North America, the  
8 Texas Gulf Coast Regional Airport, and a flourishing health care  
9 industry are among the major contributors to economic growth in the  
10 county, and Port Freeport, ranked 19th in the United States in  
11 foreign tonnage, is one of the fastest growing ports on the Gulf  
12 Coast; and

13 WHEREAS, The people of Brazoria County take great pride in  
14 their rich history as they work together to build an even brighter  
15 future, and it is indeed appropriate to take this opportunity to  
16 honor them; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
18 Legislature hereby recognize March 5, 2019, as Brazoria County Day  
19 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation best  
20 wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.