

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Public-spirited citizens of Matagorda County are
2 gathering in Austin to celebrate Matagorda County Day at the State
3 Capitol on February 19, 2019; and

4 WHEREAS, Taking its name from the Spanish phrase meaning
5 "thick brush," this region of prairie, salt marshes, and coastal
6 waterways was visited by the French explorer La Salle in 1685; the
7 area constituted part of Stephen F. Austin's first colony, and
8 settlers began arriving through Matagorda Bay during the winter of
9 1821-1822; in 1829, the town of Matagorda was established as a
10 military post, and in 1836, Matagorda County became one of the
11 original 23 counties of the Republic of Texas; and

12 WHEREAS, Matagorda ranked as the second-largest seaport in
13 Texas for a time and served as a shipping point for cotton, sugar,
14 and livestock raised in the county; when the boll weevil endangered
15 the cotton crop in the early 20th century, farmers began to grow
16 rice, and the discovery of oil and sulfur further diversified the
17 area's economy; and

18 WHEREAS, Ranching, farming, and petroleum remain important,
19 and the county also benefits from the presence of the South Texas
20 Project nuclear plant, which generates enough electricity to power
21 approximately two million homes in Texas; Bay City, the county
22 seat, is a center of the petrochemical industry and the home of
23 TenarisBayCity, an international pipe manufacturing company, while
24 the port at Palacios is home to one of the largest fishing fleets on

1 the Texas Gulf Coast; and

2 WHEREAS, Visitors and residents alike enjoy the county's fine
3 beaches and its many opportunities for fishing and water sports;
4 the county has been named the North American Audubon Society
5 Christmas Bird Count winner for 24 out of the last 26 years, and
6 birders from across the nation are drawn to the Mad Island Marsh
7 Preserve and Wildlife Management Area; Bay City is the location of
8 several attractions, including the annual county fair, livestock
9 show, and rodeo, which take place in the early spring, and the Rice
10 Festival, which is held in the fall; Palacios also hosts a number of
11 special events, including the Matagorda Bird Fest & Parade and the
12 Palacios Pirate Festival; and

13 WHEREAS, Matagorda County is an area of abundant natural
14 resources and rich history, and its residents may take great pride
15 in their notable heritage as they look forward to a future filled
16 with promise; now, therefore, be it

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

Bonnen of Brazoria

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
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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
Fierro	Minjarez	Vo
Flynn	Moody	Walle
Frank	Morrison	White
Frullo	Muñoz, Jr.	Wilson
Geren	Murphy	Wray
Gervin-Hawkins	Murr	Wu
Goldman	Neave	Zedler
González of Dallas	Nevárez	Zerwas
González of El Paso	Noble	Zwiener
Goodwin		

H.R. No. 364

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 364 was adopted by the House on February 19, 2019, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House