

By: Schoolcraft

H.R. No. 13

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of Gonzales is celebrating the 200th  
2 anniversary of its founding in 2025; and

3 WHEREAS, Located at the confluence of the Guadalupe and San  
4 Marcos Rivers, Gonzales was surveyed by James Kerr as the capital of  
5 DeWitt's colony in 1825 and was named after Rafael Gonzales,  
6 governor of Coahuila and Texas; the Battle of Gonzales, a pivotal  
7 event in the Texas Revolution, took place in October 1835 after  
8 Mexican dragoons attempted to retrieve the legendary "Come and Take  
9 It" cannon that had been loaned to the town for its protection;  
10 subsequently, news arrived of the defeat at the Battle of the Alamo,  
11 and Sam Houston, who was there attempting to organize the Texas  
12 army, had the town burned and ordered a retreat; the Republic of  
13 Texas annexed Gonzales and established Gonzales County in 1837; as  
14 many citizens remained in exile, the city council did not have its  
15 first meeting until 1839; the town was rebuilt in the following  
16 decades, and by 1880, it boasted six churches, daily mail service,  
17 four schools, a courthouse, a 500-seat opera house, a library, gas  
18 and water works, and a population of 2,900 residents; and

19 WHEREAS, Gonzales flourished in the late 19th century as a  
20 center for shipping cotton, wool, hides, cattle, horses,  
21 cottonseed, and pecans, and poultry farming later became integral  
22 to the local economy; today, Gonzales is home to more than 7,000  
23 people; residents and visitors alike enjoy such attractions as the  
24 Gonzales Memorial Museum, which houses a collection of historical

H.R. No. 13

1 artifacts and weapons, and the Come and Take It Celebration, an  
2 annual festival that serves as a tribute to the firing of the first  
3 shot of the Texas Revolution; and

4 WHEREAS, The citizens of Gonzales take great pride in the  
5 city's heritage while building for a bright future, and it is a  
6 pleasure to honor their important contributions to the story of the  
7 Lone Star State as they mark this notable milestone; now,  
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
10 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commemorate the  
11 bicentennial of Gonzales and extend to its residents sincere best  
12 wishes for a meaningful and memorable celebration.