

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 in Gonzales attempting to organize the  
12 Texas army, had the town burned and ordered a retreat; following  
13 independence, Gonzales County was established as part of the  
14 Republic of Texas, but with many former citizens of the town  
15 remaining in exile, the city council did not have its first meeting  
16 until 1839; Gonzales was rebuilt over the following decades, and by  
17 1880, it boasted six churches, daily mail service, four schools, a  
18 courthouse, a 500-seat opera house, a library, gas and water works,  
19 and a population of 2,900 residents; and

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

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1 Gonzales Memorial Museum, which houses a collection of historical  
2 artifacts and weapons, and the Come and Take It Celebration, an  
3 annual festival that serves as a tribute to the firing of the first  
4 shot of the Texas Revolution; and

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

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
11 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby commemorate the  
12 bicentennial of Gonzales and extend to its residents sincere best  
13 wishes for a meaningful and memorable celebration.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 31 was adopted by the House on August 27, 2025, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House