

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Baytown are gathering in Austin
2 on February 20, 2025, to take part in Baytown Day at the State
3 Capitol and to celebrate the vibrant community they call home; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1822, Nathaniel Lynch started a ferry service at
5 the confluence of the San Jacinto River and Buffalo Bayou near the
6 Gulf of Mexico; two years later, William Scott, one of
7 Stephen F. Austin's Old 300 settlers, established a homestead
8 nearby, and a community named Bay Town grew up around it; other
9 early settlers included Sam Houston and David G. Burnet, who each
10 served as president of the Republic of Texas, and Mrs. Anson Jones,
11 wife of the fourth and final Texas president; and

12 WHEREAS, The area remained mostly rural until 1908, when oil
13 was discovered near Tabbs Bay, and in 1916, the first offshore
14 drilling site in Texas was established near Goose Creek; starting
15 in 1917, two towns, Pelly and Goose Creek, grew up around the oil
16 fields, and that same year, Ross S. Sterling founded the Humble Oil
17 and Refining Company, now known as ExxonMobil; in 1923, Humble Oil
18 began laying out streets, installing utilities, and financing homes
19 for its employees; in 1947, Pelly and Goose Creek consolidated, and
20 on January 24, 1948, the city of Baytown was established, with a
21 population of nearly 21,000 people; and

22 WHEREAS, Today, Baytown is a dynamic community of more than
23 84,000 residents; its educational institutions include the Goose
24 Creek Consolidated Independent School District and Lee College, and

1 it boasts a downtown arts district that features the Baytown Little
2 Theater, the Lee College Performing Arts Center, the Art Gallery of
3 Baytown, and the Baytown Public Art Program; visitors are drawn by
4 the opportunities for fishing, boating, and kayaking, and wildlife
5 and birding enthusiasts enjoy the opportunities offered by the
6 Baytown Nature Center and the Eddie V. Gray Wetlands Education and
7 Recreation Center; other popular destinations in the area include
8 the Baytown Historical Museum and the Baytown Sculpture Trail; and

9 WHEREAS, Among Baytown's notable natives are such figures as
10 Pastor John Hagee, actor Gary Busey, former Houston mayor Bob
11 Lanier, rock and roll musician Bobby Fuller, professional football
12 player Howard Sampson, tennis great Sherwood Stewart, and singer
13 and *The Voice* contestant RaeLynn; and

14 WHEREAS, The city and its residents benefit from the capable
15 leadership of Mayor Charles Johnson and the six members of the city
16 council, Laura Alvarado, Sarah Graham, Ken Griffith, James Franco,
17 Jacob Powell, and Mike Lester; and

18 WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich and colorful history as they
19 work together to build an even brighter tomorrow, the citizens of
20 Baytown may take justifiable pride in the important role their
21 community continues to play in the story of the Lone Star State;
22 now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
24 Legislature hereby recognize February 20, 2025, as Baytown Day at
25 the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting
26 delegation.

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Burrows	Guerra	Morales Shaw
Alders	Guillen	Morgan
Allen	Harless	Muñoz
Anchía	Harris	Noble
Ashby	Harris Davila	Olcott
Barry	Harrison	Oliverson
Bell of Kaufman	Hayes	Ordaz
Bell of Montgomery	Hefner	Orr
Bernal	Hernandez	Patterson
Bhojani	Hickland	Paul
Bonnen	Hinojosa	Perez of El Paso
Bowers	Holt	Perez of Harris
Bryant	Hopper	Phelan
Buckley	Howard	Pierson
Bucy	Hull	Plesa
Bumgarner	Hunter	Raymond
Button	Isaac	Reynolds
Cain	Johnson	Richardson
Campos	Jones of Dallas	Rodríguez Ramos
Canales	Jones of Harris	Romero
Capriglione	Kerwin	Rose
Cole	King	Rosenthal
Collier	Kitzman	Schatzline
Cook	LaHood	Schofield
Cortez	Lalani	Schoolcraft
Craddick	Lambert	Shaheen
Cunningham	Landgraf	Shofner
Curry	Leach	Simmons
Darby	Leo Wilson	Slawson
A. Davis of Dallas	Little	Smithee
Y. Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Spiller
Dean	Lopez of Bexar	Swanson
DeAyala	Lopez of Cameron	Talarico
Dorazio	Louderback	Tepper
Dutton	Lowe	Thompson
Dyson	Lozano	Tinderholt
Fairly	Lujan	Toth
Flores	Luther	Troxclair
Frank	Manuel	Turner
Gámez	Martinez	VanDeaver
Garcia of Bexar	Martinez Fischer	Vasut
Garcia of Dallas	McLaughlin	Villalobos
Garcia Hernandez	McQueeney	Virdell
Gates	Metcalf	Vo
Gerdes	Meyer	Walle
Geren	Meza	Ward Johnson
Gervin-Hawkins	Money	Wharton
González of Dallas	Moody	Wilson
González of El Paso	Morales of Harris	Wu
Goodwin	Morales of Maverick	Zwiener

H.R. No. 139

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 139 was adopted by the House on February 20, 2025, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House