

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Members of Preservation Texas are gathering in  
2 Austin on February 19, 2025, for Preservation Day at the State  
3 Capitol; and

4           WHEREAS, Founded in 1985, Preservation Texas is dedicated to  
5 empowering Texans to protect their cultural heritage; the  
6 organization is headquartered in San Marcos and maintains regional  
7 offices in Tyler and El Paso; and

8           WHEREAS, Preservation Texas raises awareness of the state's  
9 prehistory and history, fostering understanding of the lives of  
10 those who came before us; it also engages in historical and  
11 archaeological research and educates both professionals and the  
12 general public on issues that impact preservation; and

13           WHEREAS, A steward of significant buildings, collections,  
14 and cultural landscapes, PT maintains a number of important sites,  
15 including the Bassett Farm in Falls and Limestone Counties; its  
16 Texas Rural African-American Heritage Grants Program, made  
17 possible through funding from the National Park Service, supports  
18 the rehabilitation of historic African-American institutional  
19 buildings in small towns; in Falls County, the organization  
20 conducts hands-on work to conserve the Hopewell Freedom Colony,  
21 which features an official Historic Texas Cemetery and extensive  
22 archaeological resources; in addition, PT serves as fiscal sponsor  
23 for the Dr. James Lee Dickey House reconstruction project in  
24 Taylor, among others; and

1           WHEREAS, Since 2004, Preservation Texas has compiled its  
2 signature Most Endangered Places list, which spotlights historic  
3 places that are threatened by neglect, impending demolition,  
4 inappropriate alteration, or a radical loss of context; the  
5 attention garnered assists local advocates across the state, and  
6 the organization also offers technical assistance and letters of  
7 support; this endeavor has contributed to the survival of more than  
8 90 percent of the nearly 200 sites listed; and

9           WHEREAS, Our state's cultural heritage is a source of  
10 tremendous pride to all Texans, and over the course of four decades,  
11 Preservation Texas has played a vital role in safeguarding this  
12 legacy for generations to come; now, therefore, be it

13           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
14 Legislature hereby recognize February 19, 2025, as Preservation  
15 Texas Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the  
16 visiting delegation; and, be it further

17           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for Preservation Texas as an expression of high regard by  
19 the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 283

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 283 was adopted by the House on  
February 19, 2025, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House