

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Matagorda County are gathering in
2 Austin on March 18, 2025, to celebrate Matagorda County Day at the
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Matagorda County, one of the oldest counties in
5 Texas, derives its name from the Spanish term for "thick brush,"
6 referencing the canebrakes that once lined its shores along the
7 Gulf Coast; located between Galveston and Corpus Christi, 72 miles
8 southwest of Houston, the county offers residents easy access to a
9 major metropolitan area while preserving the quiet lifestyle of a
10 rural South Texas community; and

11 WHEREAS, Bay City, the county seat of Matagorda County, is
12 often called the "Gateway to the Great Outdoors"; founded in 1894,
13 the city was named for its location in the center of a vast coastal
14 prairie, which has been known as "Bay Prairie" since the time of
15 Stephen F. Austin; although located 25 miles from the Gulf of
16 Mexico, the Port of Bay City was constructed in the 1960s to connect
17 the city to the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway via the Colorado River,
18 and it proudly serves both the industrial and recreational needs of
19 the county; and

20 WHEREAS, Matagorda County is known for its abundant wildlife,
21 diverse geography, and rich natural resources; the county is
22 believed to be home to more species of birds than anywhere else in
23 the country during certain times of the year; its marshes, coastal
24 prairies, rivers, and forests provide outstanding birding

1 opportunities, with three Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail loops
2 encompassing 17 observation sites; the Matagorda County Birding
3 Nature Center and LCRA Matagorda Bay Nature Park are ideal places to
4 learn about birds, gardening, wildlife, and native plants; in
5 addition to its avian attractions, the county's bays are teeming
6 with redfish, flounder, trout, crab, oysters, and shrimp, and the
7 Port of Palacios is one of the largest shrimping ports in Texas,
8 home to more than 125 shrimp boats; and

9 WHEREAS, The county's economy is driven by ranching, farming,
10 and petroleum, with additional economic strength provided by the
11 South Texas Project; the county is also home to international
12 companies such as Tenaris Bay City, OQ Chemicals Corporation, and
13 LyondellBasell, and it has recently welcomed HIF USA, Air Liquide,
14 and Roehm America LLC to the area; moreover, Matagorda County is
15 seeing significant growth in residential development, with over 800
16 housing starts, as well as an influx of new retail outlets and
17 restaurants; and

18 WHEREAS, Matagorda County is blessed with a rich history and
19 abundant natural resources, and its residents may take great pride
20 in their county's legacy and bright future; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
22 Legislature hereby recognize March 18, 2025, as Matagorda County
23 Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting
24 delegation.

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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. 526

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 526 was adopted by the House on March 18, 2025, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House