

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives and Senate take
2 great pleasure in joining in the festive celebration of Chambers
3 County Day at the State Capitol on April 1, 2003; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated on some 600 square miles of Gulf Coast
5 plains, Chambers County has a long and colorful history; in 1756 the
6 Spaniards erected a mission and presidio near present-day
7 Wallisville to secure their control of the region, and in 1818 a
8 group of French supporters of Napoleon Bonaparte established a
9 short-lived colony near present-day Anahuac; later, in 1832 and
10 1835, disturbances at Anahuac between Anglo settlers and Mexican
11 authorities foreshadowed the Texas Revolution; and

12 WHEREAS, Chambers County was created from portions of Liberty
13 and Jefferson counties in 1858 and named in honor of a prominent
14 local resident, General T. J. Chambers; Wallisville served as the
15 county seat until 1908, when Anahuac assumed that role; other
16 communities in the county today include Beach City, Cove, Double
17 Bayou, Hankamer, Mont Belvieu, Oak Island, Old River-Winfree, Smith
18 Point, Stowell, and Winnie; and

19 WHEREAS, The richly varied attractions of Chambers County
20 draw countless tourists; Anahuac, officially known as the Alligator
21 Capital of Texas, hosts the Texas Gatorfest each September at Fort
22 Anahuac Park, the site of early Texas resistance to Mexican rule;
23 another major celebration is the Texas Rice Festival, held in
24 Winnie in September and October; and

1 WHEREAS, Visitors are also drawn by historic sites, excellent
2 golf courses, and bountiful opportunities for birding, fishing,
3 hunting, crabbing, boating, camping, and photography; among the
4 standout attractions are Wallisville Heritage Park, Houston
5 Raceway Park, Moody National Wildlife Refuge, and Anahuac National
6 Wildlife Refuge; and

7 WHEREAS, Contributing to the county's economy, in addition to
8 tourism, are the petroleum industry, chemical plants,
9 agribusiness, fish and oyster processing, and manufacturing; and

10 WHEREAS, Situated between the Houston metroplex and the
11 Golden Triangle of Beaumont-Orange-Port Arthur, Chambers County is
12 able to offer its people the best of both worlds--quiet, rural
13 living and convenient access to big-city amenities; and

14 WHEREAS, The residents of Chambers County are justifiably
15 proud of their achievements, for this noteworthy region and its
16 citizens have played a significant role in the development of the
17 Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
19 hereby designate April 1, 2003, as Chambers County Day at the State
20 Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the fine citizens who have
21 traveled to Austin to celebrate this occasion.

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David Dewhurst

President of the Senate

Tom Caspell

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 96 was adopted by the House on April 1, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Robert Haney
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 96 was adopted by the Senate on April 1, 2003, by a viva-voce vote.

Patsy Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

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Rick Perry
Governor

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Secretary of State