

R E S O L U T I O N

1        WHEREAS, Civic and business leaders from Tyler, Kilgore,  
2 Lindale, Gladewater, and Longview are joining together on February  
3 26, 2019, to celebrate East Texas Coalition Day at the State  
4 Capitol; and

5        WHEREAS, Situated in the Piney Woods region of East Texas,  
6 Tyler, Kilgore, Lindale, Gladewater, and Longview share the  
7 attributes of great natural beauty, abundant resources, and  
8 energetic and engaged citizens, all of which have played a vital  
9 role in the growth and prosperity of our state; and

10       WHEREAS, Tyler has a preeminent medical center, as well as  
11 multiple institutions of higher education, and it also is home to  
12 the renowned Texas Rose Festival and the Municipal Rose Garden and  
13 Museum; and

14       WHEREAS, Kilgore is an important center for the oil and high  
15 technology industries, and Kilgore College offers such outstanding  
16 cultural attractions as the Texas Shakespeare Festival and the  
17 world-famous Rangerette drill team Showcase and Museum; and

18       WHEREAS, Lindale has long been known for its impressive  
19 blackberry harvest and is home to one of Texas's premier school  
20 districts; Lindale ISD has achieved state and national recognition  
21 for its tradition of excellence, and Lindale High School has won the  
22 5A Academic State Championship meet for the past two years; and

23       WHEREAS, Regarded as the "Antique Capital of East Texas,"  
24 Gladewater is nestled at the junction of Gregg, Upshur, and Smith

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1 Counties, and it hosts a number of noteworthy events throughout the  
2 year, including East Texas Gusher Days, the Roundup Rodeo, and the  
3 Arts and Crafts Festival; and

4 WHEREAS, Longview is the largest city in Gregg County and is  
5 the location of LeTourneau University; the city boasts the Longview  
6 Museum of Fine Arts, one of its several outstanding museums, and the  
7 Great Texas Balloon Race; in the past year, the East Texas Advanced  
8 Manufacturing Academy opened, and the Longview Lobos reached the  
9 pinnacle of high school football success when the team won the 2018  
10 UIL 6A Division II state championship; and

11 WHEREAS, The residents of these five notable cities may take  
12 great pride in their impressive achievements as they confidently  
13 embrace the opportunities of the future, and this special day  
14 provides a fitting opportunity to honor them and their unique  
15 region of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
17 Legislature hereby recognize February 26, 2019, as East Texas  
18 Coalition Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting  
19 delegation best wishes for a meaningful and memorable day in  
20 Austin.