

1-1 By: Leo Wilson, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Middleton) H.C.R. No. 6
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2025;
1-3 May 5, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Administration; May 7, 2025, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 7, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, Galveston holds a special place in American history
1-17 as the birthplace of Juneteenth, the longstanding observance that
1-18 commemorates the end of slavery in Texas and, more generally, in the
1-19 United States as a whole; and

1-20 WHEREAS, Juneteenth stems from the events of June 19, 1865,
1-21 when the Union Army arrived in Galveston following the end of the
1-22 Civil War; in accordance with President Abraham Lincoln's
1-23 Emancipation Proclamation, General Gordon Granger issued General
1-24 Order No. 3, which proclaimed that all enslaved persons in Texas
1-25 were free and that there would be "an absolute equality of personal
1-26 rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves";
1-27 during the months that followed, this news traveled across the
1-28 state from Galveston and was joyously received by the approximately
1-29 250,000 men, women, and children in Texas who had been living in
1-30 bondage; and

1-31 WHEREAS, The anniversary of this momentous event came to be
1-32 known as "Juneteenth," and it has since been marked with a variety
1-33 of festivities; during the 20th century, Juneteenth began growing
1-34 in popularity beyond Texas as celebrations spread to cities such as
1-35 Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Minneapolis, Minnesota; in 1979, Texas
1-36 became the first state to make Juneteenth an official state
1-37 holiday, and Juneteenth National Independence Day, a federal
1-38 holiday, was established in 2021 by an act of Congress; and

1-39 WHEREAS, Juneteenth is observed in Galveston with an array of
1-40 special events, including a parade, an art exhibition, and a guided
1-41 tour to historic sites; in 2021, a public mural entitled *Absolute*
1-42 *Equality* was completed in downtown Galveston as an initiative of
1-43 the Juneteenth Legacy Project; spanning 5,000 square feet, the
1-44 vibrant and richly detailed mural by Reginald C. Adams depicts the
1-45 origins of Juneteenth and the journey of Black Americans from
1-46 slavery to freedom; and

1-47 WHEREAS, Galveston's historical association with Juneteenth
1-48 has made the city an important destination for those looking to
1-49 reflect on a landmark moment for our nation and on the ideals of
1-50 freedom, equality, and justice that the holiday represents, and it
1-51 is indeed fitting that the city's seminal role in the Juneteenth
1-52 observance be officially honored; now, therefore, be it

1-53 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas
1-54 hereby designate Galveston as the official Juneteenth Capital of
1-55 Texas; and, be it further

1-56 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section
1-57 391.003(e), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
1-58 until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally
1-59 passed by the legislature.

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