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H. RES. 934

Congratulating the city of Baytown, Texas, on its 60th anniversary.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 22, 2008

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas (for himself and Mr. POE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the city of Baytown, Texas, on its 60th anniversary.

Whereas Baytown is a city in Chambers and Harris Counties in the Gulf Coast region of the State of Texas;

Whereas Baytown is located on the northern shore of Galveston Bay, between the San Jacinto River to the west and the Trinity River to the east;

Whereas settlement of the area that is now Baytown began as early as 1822;

Whereas among the settlers of Baytown was Nathaniel Lynch, who set up a ferry crossing that is still in operation today at the junction of the San Jacinto River and the Buffalo Bayou;

Whereas many of the settlers played an influential role in the battle for Texas independence;

Whereas in 1908, an oil strike was made beside Tabbs Bay and in 1916, the Goose Creek oil field became the first offshore drilling operation in Texas;

Whereas in 1919, the directors of Humble Oil and Refining Company built a refinery in Baytown;

Whereas this refinery would become one of the largest in the world, and an influential force in Baytown and on the course of World War II;

Whereas the refinery produced over 1,000,000,000 gallons of aviation fuel during World War II and nearly half of the total butyl rubber production of the United States in 1945;

Whereas the city now known as Baytown was originally 3 separate towns;

Whereas the first of these towns was Goose Creek, named for a local creek whose name is still reflected in the area's Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District, which dates back before 1850;

Whereas Goose Creek was followed by the consolidation of the rival communities of Pelly in the late 1910s and East Baytown in the early 1920s;

Whereas the "East" in East Baytown was later dropped because it was west of Goose Creek;

Whereas after World War I, people had begun to discuss consolidating the 3 towns into 1;

Whereas in 1947, the 3 cities finally agreed to consolidate;

Whereas the citizens settled on the name Baytown for the new combined city, and Baytown as it is known today was officially founded on January 24, 1948; and

Whereas Baytown continues to be a prosperous and growing industrial community, as the population has increased from 20,000 to almost 70,000 over the past 60 years and continues to grow: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) recognizes the significant history of the
- 3 Baytown area; and
- 4 (2) congratulates the City of Baytown on its
- 5 60th anniversary.

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