



PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the Pioneer Memorial Log House was built in honor of the Texas Centennial and will celebrate its 75th anniversary as a Houston landmark on March 2, 2011; and

Whereas, the Pioneer Memorial Log House was conceived by the San Jacinto Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas and in February 1935, with the support of Mayor Oscar Holcomb, Houston City Council members approved their proposal to construct a pioneer shrine, "as a landmark for all time and a Mecca for Texas Centennial visitors and celebrants in 1936;" and

Whereas, the city donated land in Hermann Park in honor of the founders of Houston, brothers, John K. and Augustus C. Allen, the Chapter members raised almost the entire amount required for construction of the house, designed by architect Harry Weaver to reflect the rustic style of early Houston buildings; and

Whereas, the Log House was built with more than 250 pine logs that were cut, peeled and saddle-notched and the large fireplace that spans one end of the building was built with stones and bricks from the ruins of historic Texas buildings and gathered by Chapter members; and


Whereas, the Pioneer Memorial Log House was dedicated on March 2, 1936, today, 75 years later, it sits in the shadow of the Texas Medical Center where it continues to host historical organizations and events and provides schoolchildren and other visitors a glimpse of pioneer life in early Texas and 19th century pioneer Houston: now, therefore

I, Ed Emmett, County Judge of Harris County, Texas, hereby recognize *Wednesday, March 2, 2011*, as a day to honor Texas pioneer ancestors and proclaims that date to be the

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in Harris County, Texas, and urges all our citizens to support and recognize the contributions of generations of members of the San Jacinto Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas for their mission to preserve and teach Texas history to the residents of Harris County.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of Harris County, Texas, to be affixed this 17th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand eleven.


Ed Emmett
County Judge

