



Proclamation



Pioneer Memorial Log House Day

Built in honor of the Texas Centennial, the **Pioneer Memorial Log House** will celebrate its 75th anniversary as a Houston landmark on March 2, 2011.

Throughout the last three-quarters of a century, its walls have heard epic stories of our state's unique history. Conceived by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, San Jacinto Chapter, it was built to be a hospitality venue for activities during the Texas Centennial and to honor Texas pioneer ancestors.

Although the nation was in the midst of the Great Depression, determined chapter members raised almost the entire amount required for construction of the house. Designed by architect Harry Weaver, the structure was to reflect the rustic style of early Houston buildings. More than 250 pine logs were cut, peeled and saddle-notched. Stones and bricks from the ruins of historic Texas buildings were gathered by members to use for the large fireplace that spans one end of the building.

The **Log House** was officially dedicated on March 2, 1936—the 100th anniversary of the day Texas declared its independence from Mexico. Throughout the year-long observance of the Texas Centennial, it was the site of numerous events celebrating the birth of the new republic.

Today, 75 years later, the **Log House** sits in the shadow of the Texas Medical Center where it continues to host historical organizations and events. It provides schoolchildren and other visitors with a glimpse of pioneer life in early Texas and Houston's 19th century origin as a muddy, backwoods town. The **Log House** also continues as the home of the San Jacinto Chapter and supports the mission of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas to preserve and teach Texas history.

The City of Houston congratulates and commends the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, San Jacinto Chapter and the **Pioneer Memorial Log House** on this auspicious occasion, and extends best wishes to all for a successful and rewarding observance.

Therefore, I, Annise D. Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaim March 2, 2011, as

Pioneer Memorial Log House Day

in Houston, Texas.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Houston to be affixed this 24th day of February, 2011.

Annise D. Parker

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Mayor of the City of Houston

