

Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address March 2, 2016
“Texas Independence Day”

Hello this is your Congressman, Michael Burgess.

Today marks the 180th birthday of our state of Texas.

Texas Independence Day memorializes the adoption of the Texas Declaration of Independence. On March 2nd 1836, sixty delegates from all over Texas signed this declaration of freedom.

Drafted within a remarkably short period of time, the urgency of this document was paramount because at the time the Alamo was under siege by Santa Anna's Mexican army.

As we reflect on what Texas Independence Day means to us, I would like to focus on the distinctiveness of Texas. That frontier spirit that led our Texas ancestors to victory over an oppressive regime is still alive and well in our state today.

As legendary Texan, Sam Houston, once said, and I quote “Texas will again lift its head and stand among the nations. It ought to do so, for no country upon the globe can compare with it in natural advantages.” End of quote.

The resilience of Texas is unparalleled. Today, Texas is one of the few states in which the majority of its counties have recovered from the economic recession of 5 years ago.

Of the 214 counties nationwide that have returned to prerecession levels—a third—72 of those counties belong to Texas.

I have never taken for granted how lucky I am to have grown up here, raised my family here and run my medical practice in Texas.

It has been a great honor to represent Texas and the people of the 26th district in the United States House of Representatives.

As always, thank you for taking the time to listen. May God bless you and your family, and as the song says, God bless you Texas.