WHEREAS, the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 sometimes referred to as “The Second War for American Independence” officially begins on June 18, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the sacrifices by those soldiers, citizens and their families that fought in the War of 1812, further defended the liberties previously won in the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, those sacrifices included heroic efforts by Dolly Madison to save some of our National treasures from destruction during the burning of the White House by the British in 1814; and

WHEREAS, the conflict and bravery shown would inspire Francis Scott Key to write a poem describing the bombardment of Fort McHenry in Baltimore Harbor and the said writings would become our country’s National Anthem, known as the Star Spangled Banner; and

WHEREAS, General Andrew Jackson helped win a stunning victory over the British in the Battle of New Orleans on January 8, 1815 that further solidified the United States independence from Great Britain; and

WHEREAS, descendents of some of the veterans of the War of 1812 in the state of Texas are members of the Thomas Bay Chapter #350 NSUSD of 1812; whose primary purpose is to promote a more general awareness of the history of said war throughout this state and among the citizens of this nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tomball, on behalf of the Tomball City Council and all citizens hereof, I do hereby proclaim Monday, June 18, 2012 as:

“200th Anniversary of the Beginning of the War of 1812”

and call this observance to the attention of all our citizens, encouraging all citizens of our city to observe a Moment of Remembrance on this anniversary and ask its citizens to fly their United States Flag on this day.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and caused this seal to be affixed.

ATTEST

DATE April 23, 2012