

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, VIVA San Antonio Days at the State Capitol on March
2 30 through April 1, 2021, provide a welcome opportunity to honor San
3 Antonio residents for the important contributions they are making
4 to the Lone Star State; and

5 WHEREAS, The history of San Antonio can be traced back to
6 1691, when a group of Spanish explorers and missionaries came upon a
7 river and named it San Antonio, in honor of Saint Anthony, whose
8 feast day was being celebrated; and

9 WHEREAS, The city was founded in 1718 by Father Antonio
10 Olivares; he established Mission San Antonio de Valero, which would
11 become etched in the annals of history in 1836 as the Alamo, the
12 site where 189 brave individuals held the mission for 13 days
13 against an army of some 4,000 Mexican soldiers; the cry "Remember
14 the Alamo" became the rallying point of the Texas Revolution;
15 today, the Alamo is a shrine and museum and is widely recognized as
16 the cradle of Texas liberty; and

17 WHEREAS, San Antonio became formally incorporated in 1837,
18 when the fledgling Republic of Texas granted the city a charter; the
19 community retains its sense of history and tradition while
20 carefully blending in cosmopolitan progress; it continues to serve
21 as a crossroads and a meeting place, where the rich cultural
22 influences of Native Americans, Old Mexico, German immigrants, the
23 Wild West, African Americans, and the Deep South mingle and merge;
24 and

1 WHEREAS, Known as Military City USA, San Antonio has a proud
2 military heritage; great figures like Pershing, Stilwell, Krueger,
3 LeMay, Chennault, and Eisenhower served at San Antonio military
4 installations, including Fort Sam Houston, the headquarters for the
5 U.S. Army North and U.S. Army South, and Joint Base San
6 Antonio-Randolph, the home of the Air Education and Training
7 Command, the Air Force Recruiting Service, the Air Force Personnel
8 Center, and the Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center;
9 in addition, the city is the site of Joint Base San
10 Antonio-Lackland, the largest training wing in the United States
11 Air Force, which instructs all incoming airmen in basic military
12 training, along with vital National Guard and Air Force Reserve
13 missions; and

14 WHEREAS, The San Antonio Military Health System is the home
15 of all area military medical training; its distinguished
16 institutions include Brooke Army Medical Center, which houses the
17 only Level I Trauma Center in the Department of Defense and the
18 Center for the Intrepid, a world-renowned rehabilitation facility;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Recent years have brought remarkable economic
21 development to San Antonio as its skilled workforce, excellent
22 institutions of public and higher education, and high quality of
23 life have attracted important corporate businesses and industries
24 to the city; and

25 WHEREAS, The city's chambers of commerce serve as leading
26 advocates for the business community and are dedicated to building
27 and sustaining San Antonio's diverse and prosperous economy,

1 particularly in the major local industries of health care,
2 manufacturing, aerospace, and information technology; and

3 WHEREAS, San Antonio has one of the largest concentrations of
4 cybersecurity professionals in the United States, with a diverse
5 workforce and globally competitive cybersecurity ecosystem that is
6 strategically organized through CyberSecurity San Antonio; and

7 WHEREAS, Many people delight in visiting San Antonio each
8 year; in addition to the Alamo, highlights include La Villita, San
9 Fernando Cathedral, the San Antonio Missions Trail, and the famed
10 Paseo del Rio, also known as The River Walk; among the other
11 attractions that make San Antonio one of the top tourist
12 destinations in the country are SeaWorld San Antonio and the Six
13 Flags Fiesta Texas theme park, as well as the PGA Tour Valero Texas
14 Open, the Alamo Bowl, and the five-time world champion San Antonio
15 Spurs; and

16 WHEREAS, In 2018, the San Antonio Tricentennial Commission
17 commemorated the 300th anniversary of the founding of the Mission
18 San Antonio de Valero, the Presidio San Antonio de Bejar, and the
19 City of San Antonio; three centuries of the city's diverse history
20 and culture were honored with special events and initiatives
21 throughout the year; and

22 WHEREAS, The city will once again celebrate Fiesta San
23 Antonio in June 2021; first held 130 years ago, the event was
24 founded by a group of women who decorated horse-drawn carriages for
25 a parade in front of the Alamo and battled with flower blossoms
26 instead of bullets to honor the heroes of the Alamo and the Battle
27 of San Jacinto; and

1 WHEREAS, A city of great historical, cultural, and economic
2 importance, San Antonio is one of the treasures of the Lone Star
3 State, and its citizens may indeed take great pride in the place
4 they call home; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
6 Legislature hereby recognize March 30 through April 1, 2021, as
7 VIVA San Antonio Days at the State Capitol and extend to the city's
8 residents sincere best wishes for the future.

Martinez Fischer

H.R. No. 455

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 455 was adopted by the House on April 1, 2021, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House