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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.