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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud citizens of Mission are gathering in Austin on  
2 March 29, 2023, to celebrate Mission Day at the State Capitol; and

3 WHEREAS, The city of Mission was founded in 1908, the year the  
4 Missouri Pacific Railroad established a station in the area, and  
5 the city was named for La Lomita Mission, which was located nearby;  
6 since then, Mission, home of the grapefruit, has grown to be a  
7 thriving city with a population of more than 86,000 people; and

8 WHEREAS, The first citrus trees in the Rio Grande Valley were  
9 planted in the Mission area; today, the citrus industry is a  
10 multimillion-dollar business and is celebrated each year at the  
11 Texas Citrus Fiesta; and

12 WHEREAS, Mission is a center for international trade and  
13 entrepreneurship, and its Anzalduas International Bridge provides  
14 a vital trade and tourism connection to Mexico; several  
15 international manufacturers and other dynamic firms call Mission  
16 home, including Stanley Black & Decker, Royal Technologies,  
17 Wonderful Citrus, Killam Development, and the Texas International  
18 Produce Association; Mission EDC manages the city's Center for  
19 Education and Economic Development, a unique, 55,000-square-foot  
20 business incubator and coworking space that has spawned numerous  
21 local enterprises; and

22 WHEREAS, A popular destination for "Winter Texans," Mission  
23 boasts about 50 RV parks and welcomes an estimated 25,000 seasonal  
24 residents during the coldest months of the year; and

1           WHEREAS, Recreational opportunities are abundant in Mission,  
2 with such attractions as the National Butterfly Center, the World  
3 Birding Center headquarters, Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park,  
4 and the 10-mile Mission Hike and Bike Trail; since 2019, Mission has  
5 been recognized as an All-America City; and

6           WHEREAS, Mission was immortalized in Larry McMurtry's novel  
7 and television miniseries, *Lonesome Dove*, and notable residents  
8 have included United States senator and treasury secretary Lloyd  
9 Bentsen and United States congressman Kika de la Garza; moreover,  
10 Mission was the childhood home of legendary Dallas Cowboys coach  
11 Tom Landry and a second home to Texas governor Allan Shivers,  
12 Oscar-winning actress Sissy Spacek, and three-time presidential  
13 candidate William Jennings Bryan; and

14           WHEREAS, Mission Day at the Capitol provides an opportunity  
15 to honor the border city's heritage and its many charms, which are  
16 enjoyed by residents and vacationers alike; now, therefore, be it

17           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
18 Legislature hereby recognize March 29, 2023, as Mission Day at the  
19 State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best  
20 wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.