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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of the city of West are coming to Austin on  
2 March 15, 2023, to celebrate West Day at the State Capitol; and

3 WHEREAS, Established at its present site in 1881, the town  
4 was later named West in honor of farmer, postmaster, and  
5 businessman Thomas West; among those attracted to this vibrant  
6 community were Czech immigrants who farmed the land, opened  
7 businesses, shared their European culture, and planted roots that  
8 are now indelibly woven into the identity of the city; and

9 WHEREAS, The people of West embrace their history, and the  
10 city is widely known and officially designated as the Czech  
11 Heritage Capital of the State of Texas, and it is informally called  
12 the "Czech Point of Central Texas"; additionally, it is a popular  
13 destination on Labor Day weekend for the annual tradition of  
14 Westfest, a celebration of Old World foods, music, arts and crafts,  
15 and numerous other activities; and

16 WHEREAS, Over the years, West has become a premier stop for  
17 travelers on the I-35 corridor between Dallas and Austin due to the  
18 bakeries that attract visitors with the promise of kolaches and  
19 klobasniky, delicious Czech pastries filled with sweet and savory  
20 ingredients; and

21 WHEREAS, West is a small town with a big can-do attitude, and  
22 its citizens may take great pride in their rich heritage as they  
23 look forward to the opportunities of the future; now, therefore, be  
24 it

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1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
2   Legislature hereby recognize March 15, 2023, as West Day at the  
3   State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting delegation.