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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Representatives of the City of Laredo are gathering  
2 in Austin on February 8, 2023, to celebrate Laredo Legislative Day  
3 at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Laredo was established in 1755 by Don Tomás Sánchez,  
5 and its history offers a compelling tale, as the town was forged by  
6 Spaniards, Indians, Mexicans, Texans, and Americans; a dynamic  
7 bilingual and bicultural community, this Texas city is proud of its  
8 Mexican roots; seven flags have flown over Laredo, and this unique  
9 city celebrates its dual historical and cultural ties throughout  
10 the year; and

11 WHEREAS, Situated on the banks of the Rio Grande, Laredo is  
12 now the 10th-largest city in Texas and the number one inland port on  
13 the southern United States border; in addition, it is one of the top  
14 three ports of commerce in the nation, and in 2021, the city handled  
15 almost 60 percent of all overland trade between Texas and Mexico;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Laredo represents a strong economic driver for the  
18 United States, handling more than \$240 billion in total trade by  
19 value with the world and over five million commercial trucks  
20 annually; through trade activity, the city has contributed more  
21 than 474,000 direct and indirect jobs for the state of Texas, and in  
22 2022, it generated 2,563 jobs; Laredo is also home to multiple  
23 institutes of higher learning, including Laredo College and Texas  
24 A&M International University; and

1           WHEREAS, Boasting a rich history and a thriving trade  
2 industry, Laredo has established itself as an outstanding community  
3 in which to live and work, and its citizens may indeed take pride in  
4 the place they call home; now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature  
6 hereby recognize February 8, 2023, as Laredo Legislative Day at the  
7 State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best  
8 wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.