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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Many notable citizens of Lubbock are visiting the
2 Texas Capitol on February 19, 2025, to pay tribute to their city's
3 rich heritage and to celebrate Lubbock Day; and

4 WHEREAS, Located within the Llano Estacado, Lubbock was
5 established in an area that was known for its tough conditions; as a
6 result, it was settled long after many other parts of the North
7 American continent, and the citizens who reside there today reflect
8 the same welcoming and resilient pioneer spirit as the early
9 founders; and

10 WHEREAS, The City of Lubbock was incorporated on March 16,
11 1909; railroads, farming, and ranching stimulated the city's growth
12 as a trade center, and when legislation creating Texas
13 Technological College was passed in 1923, the site selection
14 committee, impressed by the enthusiasm and hospitality of its
15 citizens, chose Lubbock for its location; and

16 WHEREAS, Today, with a metropolitan area of more than 400,000
17 people, Lubbock is home to the Texas Tech University System and its
18 flagship institutions, Texas Tech University and the Texas Tech
19 Health Sciences Center, both world-renowned organizations; and

20 WHEREAS, The Texas Tech Health Sciences Center attracts
21 nearly 5,500 students from around the world and is currently ranked
22 as the number one health university in the nation by the
23 SR Education Group, ranking higher than programs at rival Ivy
24 League colleges; and

1 WHEREAS, Lubbock is consistently recognized by national
2 organizations for its business-friendly atmosphere, including
3 being named the number one city for women professionals; it is
4 ranked in the top 20 cities for young entrepreneurs starting a
5 business and was named seventh in the *Forbes* list of top
6 "Opportunity Cities," based on its low cost of living, its cultural
7 resources, and the strength of its business community; and

8 WHEREAS, Lubbock has a diverse economy that draws its
9 strength from agribusiness, manufacturing, and oil and gas, as well
10 as from educational and health care services, entertainment, and
11 the largest medical infrastructure in Texas west of I-35; the
12 city's meticulously planned infrastructure has resulted in a
13 low-traffic community with more neighborhood parks per capita than
14 any other city in Texas; and

15 WHEREAS, With the growth of the cotton industry on the
16 High Plains, Lubbock has become one of the world's primary centers
17 for the processing of cottonseed and hybrid-grain sorghum seed;
18 moreover, the region just north of Lubbock has the highest density
19 of cattle in the entire country; Lubbock is now the home of several
20 major award-winning wineries and vineyards that produce more than
21 80 percent of the state's wine grapes; and

22 WHEREAS, Lubbock offers a wealth of cultural and recreational
23 opportunities, including the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra, Ballet
24 Lubbock, the Silent Wings Museum, the Museum and Planetarium of
25 Texas Tech University, the new Buddy Holly Hall, a state-of-the-art
26 performing arts center, and many more; those wanting a glimpse of
27 frontier history can find it in the restored structures at the

1 National Ranching Heritage Center, a 15-acre site tracing the
2 evolution of ranch operations, architecture, and the history and
3 traditions of the cattle industry; the region's history is also
4 celebrated at the ever-expanding FiberMax Center for Discovery and
5 the picturesque American Windmill Museum; and

6 WHEREAS, The talented musicians who have come from the
7 Lubbock area include Buddy Holly and the Crickets, Roy Orbison, the
8 Maines family, Virgil Johnson and the Velvets, Waylon Jennings, Mac
9 Davis, Tanya Tucker, Joe Ely, Jimmie Dale Gilmore, Butch Hancock,
10 The Flatlanders, Jon Baumann, The Chicks, Flatland Cavalry, and
11 Josh Abbott, as well as Texas Tech alumni John Denver, Pat Green,
12 and William Clark Green; their rich and diverse contributions have
13 earned Lubbock recognition as the Music Crossroads of Texas; and

14 WHEREAS, Lubbock's thriving commerce is represented by the
15 largest business federation on the Texas South Plains, the Lubbock
16 Chamber of Commerce, which expands and guards the prosperity of the
17 Lubbock area; and

18 WHEREAS, Early major achievements propelled by the chamber of
19 commerce during more than a century of service include recruiting
20 farmers from out of state to produce crops on the fertile soils of
21 the Llano Estacado, working to bring the railroad to Lubbock,
22 establishing the South Plains Fair, and drafting and delivering to
23 the Texas Capitol the application that would result in establishing
24 Texas Technological College, which today is the heart of the
25 Texas Tech University System; and

26 WHEREAS, The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce was instrumental in
27 establishing Lubbock Preston Smith International Airport, Reese

1 Air Force Base, and outstanding transportation infrastructure, and
2 it was the first chamber of commerce in Texas to introduce an
3 Association Health Plan for 34 West Texas counties, which became a
4 model nationwide; and

5 WHEREAS, Among the delegation visiting the Capitol today are
6 members of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce's 47th Leadership
7 Lubbock Class, who represent the business and community leaders of
8 Lubbock; and

9 WHEREAS, The citizens of Lubbock have truly kept faith with
10 the founders of their West Texas community; renowned for their
11 faith, hospitality, and warmth as well as their hardiness and
12 determination, they have helped to build a vital urban center that
13 serves not only a large part of West Texas but also the surrounding
14 region; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
16 Legislature hereby recognize February 19, 2025, as Lubbock Day at
17 the State Capitol and extend to the members of the visiting
18 delegation and all their fellow citizens sincere appreciation for
19 the bright dusty aura they add to the Lone Star State.