

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, In August 2003, the city of Bandera celebrates its  
2 150th anniversary, and this significant milestone presents a  
3 welcome opportunity to recognize this vibrant community for its  
4 myriad contributions to the Lone Star State's economic and cultural  
5 development; and

6           WHEREAS, Located 50 miles northwest of San Antonio in a  
7 cypress-lined bend of the Medina River, the city of Bandera was  
8 created in the 1850s by John James, Charles DeMontel, and John  
9 Herndon, and it quickly became a thriving settlement, thanks to the  
10 success of the founders' water-powered lumber mill; in the years  
11 that followed, local farmers and ranchers prospered, supplying  
12 products to U.S. Cavalry troops at Camp Verde, raising and ginning  
13 cotton, and raising cattle, sheep, and goats; and

14           WHEREAS, Today this charming town remains a living testament  
15 to the courage, talent, and vision of the men and women who shaped  
16 the Old West; Bandera, which once served as the staging area for  
17 early cattle drives up the Western Trail, has been home to countless  
18 champion cowboys and is considered by many to be the Cowboy Capital  
19 of the World; since 1920 the community has been a popular tourist  
20 destination, each year drawing visitors from around the state and  
21 beyond to attractions that include area resorts, dude ranches,  
22 rodeo venues, and hunting and camp grounds; and

23           WHEREAS, With its breathtaking scenery and hospitable  
24 residents, the city of Bandera is truly a jewel in the crown of the

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1 Texas Hill Country, and its sesquicentennial celebration is certain  
2 to be a joyous occasion that will be remembered for many years to  
3 come; now, therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
5 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby recognize August 30, 2003,  
6 as Celebrate Bandera Day in Texas and commend the town's citizens  
7 and officials on the occasion of Bandera's 150th anniversary.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 72 was adopted by the House on August 8, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House