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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.