

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Madisonville, home of the only mushroom festival in  
2 Texas, is holding its second annual extravaganza in celebration of  
3 that delicacy on October 18, 2003; and

4           WHEREAS, Among the many activities scheduled for the day are  
5 demonstrations showing the culinary uses of mushrooms by members of  
6 the Brazos Valley Chefs Association and by chefs from Monterey  
7 Mushrooms, Inc., the largest grower/shipper and marketer of fresh  
8 mushrooms in the country; in addition, representatives of Monterey,  
9 which operates both a farm and a plant in Madisonville, will also be  
10 on hand to demonstrate mushroom-growing techniques; and

11           WHEREAS, Visitors to the festival will receive a mushroom  
12 cookbook and will have the opportunity to sample the wide array of  
13 treats prepared by the chefs, as well as popular Texas wines from  
14 five different wineries; other activities on the program include a  
15 mushroom-cooking contest, a photography contest, artist exhibits  
16 and sales, a quilt show, and a stars and stripes exhibit by students  
17 from the Madisonville school district; also slated for the  
18 festival-goers' enjoyment are a mariachi band, an extensive herb  
19 and plant sale, and booths selling other Texas agricultural  
20 products; and

21           WHEREAS, Concurrently with the Mushroom Festival, the  
22 downtown merchants of Madisonville are hosting their 14th annual  
23 Saturday on the Square; highlights include more than 100 arts and  
24 crafts booths, live entertainment throughout the day, children's

1 activities, food vendors, and a large book sale sponsored by the  
2 Friends of the Library; and

3 WHEREAS, Madisonville residents and visitors alike can get an  
4 early start on the festivities Friday night, October 17, when the  
5 Madison County Arts Council holds an auction of pieces donated by  
6 local artists; proceeds benefit the council and a scholarship fund;  
7 the evening's art, live music, Texas wine, and mushroom appetizers  
8 are sure to whet everyone's anticipation of all that the following  
9 day has to offer; and

10 WHEREAS, A unique affair in the Lone Star State, the  
11 Madisonville Mushroom Festival promises to be a highly enjoyable  
12 occasion for all who attend; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
14 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby recognize October 18, 2003,  
15 as Madisonville Mushroom Festival Day and extend to all associated  
16 with the festival sincere best wishes for a successful and  
17 memorable event.

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H.R. No. 268

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 268 was adopted by the House on  
October 10, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House