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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 annual extravaganza in celebration of that
3 delicacy on October 16, 2004; 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 Madison County sesquicentennial
17 exhibit by students from the Madisonville school district; also
18 slated for the festival-goers' enjoyment are a mariachi band, an
19 extensive herb and plant sale, and booths selling other Texas
20 agricultural products; and

21 WHEREAS, Concurrently with the Mushroom Festival, the
22 downtown merchants of Madisonville are hosting their 15th 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 15, 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, 4th Called Session, hereby recognize October 16, 2004,
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.