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H.C.R. No. 42

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Legislature is pleased to recognize
2 February 11, 2003, as Midland-Odessa Day at the State Capitol; and

3 WHEREAS, Odessa and Midland are located in the Permian Basin,
4 an important oil- and gas-rich area of the state; both cities have
5 been shaped by similar historical developments and have benefited
6 from their proximity to each other; to reinforce their unity and to
7 ensure economic diversification and a prosperous future, Midland
8 and Odessa have adopted the "Two Cities-No Limits" motto; and

9 WHEREAS, The city of Midland was founded in 1881 when the
10 Texas and Pacific Railway established Midway Station at the
11 midpoint on its Dallas-El Paso line; Odessa was likewise founded in
12 1881 when the Texas Pacific Railway began using the area for a water
13 stop; and

14 WHEREAS, During the 1920s, the discovery of rich deposits of
15 oil and gas in the Permian Basin transformed the cities of Midland
16 and Odessa into essential petrochemical centers for the state; the
17 oil and gas industry invigorated the area and brought economic
18 prosperity, and through the years, the cities have added new
19 commercial enterprises to assure greater economic stability in the
20 region; and

21 WHEREAS, The cities have further developed the area's economy
22 with the addition of the Family Dollar Stores, Incorporated
23 Distribution Center, Texas Independent Energy's 1,000 megawatt
24 power plant, and the Cingular Wireless Call Center, which employs

1 more than 1,500 individuals; and

2 WHEREAS, Each city possesses unique cultural treasures;
3 Odessa is home to the Presidential Museum, the Ellen Noel Art Museum
4 of the Permian Basin, and a replica of the Globe Theater; an
5 important center of education, Odessa is the site of the Texas Tech
6 University Health Sciences Center and The University of Texas of
7 the Permian Basin; and

8 WHEREAS, Midland is well known for The Petroleum Museum, the
9 Commemorative Air Force Museum, and the Museum of the Southwest;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The city of Midland is also extremely proud to be the
12 hometown of President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush, as
13 well as the longtime home of former President George H. W. Bush and
14 former First Lady Barbara Bush, and Florida Governor Jeb Bush; and

15 WHEREAS, For many years, Midland and Odessa have worked
16 together to advance the development of the region; they jointly
17 established the Midland International Airport and created the
18 Midland-Odessa Transportation Alliance; they also established the
19 Midland-Odessa Health and Retirement Endeavor to heighten their
20 attraction as retirement communities; Midland and Odessa have the
21 only joint postmark in Texas; and

22 WHEREAS, The more than 100 years of mutual support between
23 these two cities is an inspiring example of cooperation for all
24 Texans; now, therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
26 hereby recognize February 11, 2003, as Midland-Odessa Day at the
27 State Capitol and commend the citizens of Midland and Odessa as they

1 celebrate their unique heritage on this special day.