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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In 1978, TIBH Industries, Inc., and the Texas
2 Council on Purchasing from People with Disabilities launched a
3 program designed to promote vocational rehabilitation through
4 special contracts for Texas workers with disabilities; and

5 WHEREAS, The creation of the landmark State Use Program has
6 paved the way for the development of business initiatives that
7 provide employment opportunities for Texans with a range of
8 disabilities, including mental retardation, mental health and
9 chemical disorders, learning disabilities, visual impairment,
10 physical impairment, hearing impairment, and brain injury; and

11 WHEREAS, TIBH Industries, Inc., and the Texas Council on
12 Purchasing from People with Disabilities continue to play a pivotal
13 role in increasing opportunities for disabled citizens; these
14 organizations facilitate more than \$23 million in annual wages for
15 hardworking Texans and contribute to the self-esteem and sense of
16 accomplishment of the program's participants; and

17 WHEREAS, TIBH Industries, Inc., and the Texas Council on
18 Purchasing from People with Disabilities have established a
19 successful State Use Program; these organizations continue to serve
20 as a catalyst for employment opportunities for workers with
21 disabilities and benefit citizens throughout the Lone Star State;
22 now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
24 Legislature hereby designate February 12, 2003, as State Use

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1 Program "Works Wonders" Day at the Capitol and extend best wishes to
2 the many individuals who support and participate in this program.