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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Many notable citizens of Lubbock are visiting Austin
2 on January 28, 2003, to pay tribute to their city's rich heritage
3 and to celebrate Lubbock Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, A thriving city on the southern High Plains, Lubbock
5 is located on one of the oldest inhabited places in Texas; in Yellow
6 House Draw, in the northern part of the city, archeologists have
7 discovered evidence of some 12,000 years of continuous habitation;
8 known as the Lubbock Lake Site, the area now enjoys protection as a
9 national historic and state archeological landmark; and

10 WHEREAS, In early historic times this land was occupied by
11 Indians who were probably ancestors of the Apaches; during the
12 1600s, members of various Spanish expeditions traveled a route
13 through Yellow House Draw and other canyons, confident of finding
14 water there on their passage across the South Plains; in the 1700s,
15 Comanches swept down into Texas from the north, and they maintained
16 dominion over this region until the 1870s; and

17 WHEREAS, The city of Lubbock was established in 1890 and
18 became the seat of Lubbock County, which was organized the
19 following year; population growth in Lubbock began in earnest with
20 the arrival of the railroads in 1909; and

21 WHEREAS, The railroads stimulated Lubbock's growth as a trade
22 center, but residents also wanted the benefits that an institution
23 of higher learning would bring; when legislation creating Texas
24 Technological College was finally passed in 1923, the site

1 selection committee, impressed by the enthusiasm and hospitality of
2 Lubbock citizens, chose Lubbock for its location; and

3 WHEREAS, Today a city of approximately 200,000, Lubbock
4 enjoys a diversified economy that draws its strength from
5 agribusiness, manufacturing, and commerce, as well as from
6 educational and medical facilities; with the growth of cotton
7 culture on the High Plains, Lubbock has become one of the world's
8 primary centers for the processing of cottonseed; and

9 WHEREAS, Lubbock also offers a wealth of cultural and
10 recreational opportunities; among these are the Lubbock Symphony
11 Orchestra, the Lubbock Civic Ballet, the Museum and Planetarium of
12 Texas Tech University, the Silent Wings Museum, and many other
13 cultural offerings at Texas Tech University; and

14 WHEREAS, Those wanting a glimpse of the frontier can find
15 traces of it in the many restored structures at the Ranching
16 Heritage Center, a 15-acre site tracing the evolution of ranch
17 architecture and the history of the cattle industry, as well as at
18 the American Wind Power Center and the American Museum of
19 Agriculture; and

20 WHEREAS, The musical talent that has come from the Lubbock
21 area has included the likes of Buddy Holly, Roy Orbison, Natalie
22 Maines, the Maines Brothers, the Hometown Boys, Virgil Johnson and
23 the Velvets, Waylon Jennings, Tanya Tucker, and Joe Ely and has
24 earned Lubbock recognition as "The Music Crossroads of Texas"; and

25 WHEREAS, One of the proud Lubbock delegations visiting the
26 Capitol today is the Leadership Lubbock Class of 2003, a group of
27 community leaders who are participating in a series of seminars

1 designed to help them identify and respond to the needs of their
2 community; highlights of their trip to Austin on January 28 and 29,
3 2003, include a meeting with their legislative delegation and a
4 reception at Stubb's Bar-B-Q, featuring a concert by Joe Ely; and

5 WHEREAS, The citizens of Lubbock have truly kept faith with
6 the founders of this West Texas community; still renowned for their
7 friendliness and warmth, they have helped to build a vital urban
8 center that serves not only a large part of West Texas but also of
9 eastern New Mexico; it is a pleasure for the Texas House of
10 Representatives to pay tribute to the city of Lubbock and its fine
11 residents; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize January 28, 2003, as Lubbock Day at
14 the State Capitol and extend to the delegations in attendance today
15 and to all their fellow citizens sincere appreciation for the
16 bright lustre they add to the Lone Star State.