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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A delegation of Waco residents has traveled to
2 Austin in celebration of Waco Day at the State Capitol, and this
3 occasion provides a fitting opportunity for the Texas House of
4 Representatives to honor the history and contributions of this fine
5 city; and

6 WHEREAS, Waco is situated on the banks of the Bosque and
7 Brazos rivers, and is blessed with an abundance of valuable
8 resources, including natural springs and fertile soil; and

9 WHEREAS, The McLennan County seat since 1850, Waco
10 established itself as an important commercial hub through the
11 construction of the Old Suspension Bridge in 1870; upon its
12 completion, this monumental structure was the longest suspension
13 bridge in the world and for several years was the only bridge across
14 the Brazos River; and

15 WHEREAS, The city is also a center for academics; home to
16 McLennan Community College, Texas State Technical College, and
17 Baylor University, the oldest university in the state and the
18 largest Baptist university in the world, Waco makes an invaluable
19 contribution to Texas by so ably supporting our next generation of
20 leaders; and

21 WHEREAS, Visitors to Waco can take advantage of the bountiful
22 recreation opportunities, which center around Lake Waco, Lake
23 Brazos, and numerous public parks, or reflect on days past by
24 touring the Governor Bill and Vara Daniel Historic Village, the

1 Hippodrome Theatre, or the city's many historic homes; Waco's other
2 attractions include the Cameron Park Zoo, the Dr Pepper Museum &
3 Free Enterprise Institute, the Strecker Museum, the Texas Ranger
4 Hall of Fame and Museum, and the Texas Sports Hall of Fame; and

5 WHEREAS, Nominated as an All-American City in 1996 for its
6 healthy economy and quality of life, Waco is truly a wonderful place
7 to live, work, and raise a family; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
9 Legislature hereby recognize February 25, 2003, as Waco Day at the
10 State Capitol and extend to the city's visiting residents sincere
11 best wishes for a memorable and enjoyable trip to the capital city.