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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Many proud citizens of our state are with us today at the State Capitol in connection with the biennial Austin visit sponsored by Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN); and

WHEREAS, An alliance of 42 communities in 25 counties surrounding Abilene, TMCN was created in 1994 to promote regional identity and to foster cooperation on economic development, tourism development, regional promotion, and legislative awareness; and

WHEREAS, In addition to organizing activities to further these goals, TMCN also helps to identify emerging community leaders, to develop their skills and deepen their understanding for regional issues, and to facilitate communication and networking among them; and

WHEREAS, On the agenda for this notable delegation are visits to the house and senate chambers, and a reception honoring legislators who represent the TMCN region and Governor Rick Perry, a native son of the Texas Midwest; and

WHEREAS, The day will also offer public-spirited citizens from the Texas Midwest an opportunity to meet with their elected officials to discuss concerns pertinent to their area; and

WHEREAS, TMCN is playing a vital role in strengthening the Lone Star State, and it is most appropriate that it be commended for its efforts to provide a strong voice for rural Texas, encourage civic participation in the legislative process, and draw attention to matters of importance to the region; now, therefore, be it

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- 1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
- 2 Legislature hereby recognize February 19, 2003, as Texas Midwest
- 3 Day at the Capitol and honor the Texas Midwest Community Network for
- 4 its outstanding service.