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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A delegation of proud Texans has traveled to Austin
2 to celebrate Texas Panhandle Day at the State Capitol on February
3 25, 2003; and

4 WHEREAS, Rich in history, this spectacular region of vast,
5 scenic plains is known for its traditional ranch lands, high-plains
6 agriculture, large stretches of oil and gas reserves, and major
7 industry; and

8 WHEREAS, Outstanding attractions in the area include the
9 Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, located on the campus of West
10 Texas A&M University in Canyon; the largest history museum in the
11 state, its exceptional collections and exhibits survey life on the
12 Southern Great Plains over the course of the past 14,000 years; and

13 WHEREAS, Stretching through the heart of the Panhandle is
14 Palo Duro Canyon, the second-largest canyon in the country, which
15 boasts spectacular views and reveals, through its exposed strata, a
16 geologic record spanning 250 million years; during the summer,
17 visitors to Palo Duro can also enjoy outdoor drama that captures
18 some of the state's epic heritage; and

19 WHEREAS, Amarillo, the region's principal city, is a dynamic
20 urban center that affords a wide array of cultural amenities;
21 contributing to Amarillo's economic vitality is a Bell Helicopter
22 tilt-rotor assembly center as well as the only assembly/disassembly
23 plant for the nation's nuclear weapons arsenal, a facility operated
24 by BWXT Pantex for the U.S. Department of Energy's National Nuclear

1 Security Administration; and

2 WHEREAS, United States Air Force colonel Rick Husband,
3 commander of Columbia Space Shuttle Mission STS-107, called
4 Amarillo home, and his fellow Texans and all Americans stand united
5 in profound gratitude for the inspiring example of his life and
6 legacy; and

7 WHEREAS, More than 400,000 strong, Panhandle residents prize
8 the myriad opportunities made possible by their modern cities and
9 industry while continuing to cherish their region's enduring and
10 majestic natural beauty; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
12 Legislature recognize February 25, 2003, as Texas Panhandle Day at
13 the State Capitol and extend to all involved warmest best wishes for
14 an enjoyable and memorable visit.