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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to 2 join the residents of Tarrant County and the Coalition of Tarrant 3 County Chambers of Commerce in celebrating Tarrant County Day at

4 the State Capitol on February 26, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Tarrant County was created in 1849 and named for General Edward H. Tarrant; the fourth most populous county in Texas, it is home to the international headquarters of such corporate giants as American Airlines, Burlington Northern Santa

9 Fe, Pier 1, and RadioShack; and

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WHEREAS, Located in North Central Texas on the Grand Prairie and the Blackland Prairie, Tarrant County is a popular area for vacationing, and today the flavor of the Old West is still inspiring the county's ranch land, museums, art, and recreational centers; and

WHEREAS, The county is home to some of the state's most outstanding cultural attractions, including the Amon G. Carter Museum, the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, the Kimbell Art Museum, the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, and the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Also famous for nationally known tourism centers such as the Fort Worth Stockyards and Six Flags Over Texas, Tarrant County is often referred to as "Where the West Begins"; and

WHEREAS, Tarrant County is an important national and international transportation crossroads located at the geographic

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- 1 center of the hemisphere and featuring the intersection of major
- 2 highway and rail corridors and outstanding air transportation
- 3 facilities, including Alliance Airport, Dallas-Fort Worth
- 4 International Airport, and Meacham International Airport; and
- 5 WHEREAS, The economic stability and diversity of the county
- 6 owes much to the leadership provided by the Coalition of Tarrant
- 7 County Chambers of Commerce; the coalition represents more than
- 8 10,000 business organizations; and
- 9 WHEREAS, The coalition brings together 23 chambers of
- 10 commerce from throughout Tarrant County to support public policy
- initiatives that meet the needs of employers, employees, and all of
- 12 the citizens of Tarrant County; and
- WHEREAS, Noted for its many contributions to the overall
- 14 quality of life in Tarrant County, the coalition builds productive
- 15 partnerships between the business community and local, state, and
- 16 federal governments to provide for positive growth in business and
- 17 workforce development; and
- 18 WHEREAS, The residents of Tarrant County along with the
- 19 members of Tarrant County Chambers of Commerce deserve credit for
- 20 maintaining the county's vitality and quality of life and for
- 21 preserving its many amenities in the face of urban growth and
- 22 industrial development; now, therefore, be it
- 23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
- 24 Legislature hereby recognize February 26, 2003, as Tarrant County
- 25 Day at the State Capitol and extend to all those visiting from
- 26 Tarrant County warmest best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable
- 27 visit.