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H.R. No. 327

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For more than 150 years, the residents of the city of
2 Mexia have made many important contributions to the culture and
3 economy of the Lone Star State, and Mexia Day at the State Capitol
4 provides a fitting occasion to honor these outstanding Texans; and

5 WHEREAS, This Limestone County community was named in honor
6 of the Mexia family, who in 1833 received a land grant for the local
7 area that encompassed 11 leagues; the town's history is
8 fascinating, and visitors from across the state travel there each
9 year to visit the Confederate Reunion Grounds and the Old Fort
10 Parker Historic Site; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1942, a camp for prisoners of war was established
12 in Mexia; the facility was converted in 1947 for use as the Mexia
13 State School, which has become the town's largest employer; and

14 WHEREAS, Mexia has been blessed with bountiful natural
15 resources that have helped it to become a leading producer of
16 petroleum products, minerals, and agricultural products; in 1912,
17 the Mexia Oil and Gas Company located a large natural gas deposit,
18 and eight years later the community was transformed by the
19 discovery of the Mexia oilfield, which had produced more than 100
20 million barrels of crude oil by the mid-1980s; today the city is a
21 prosperous industrial center, even serving as home to a Fortune 500
22 company; and

23 WHEREAS, With its rich heritage, abundant resources, and
24 dynamic citizenry, Mexia is a truly notable small city, and the

1 efforts of its residents have made it an exemplary community in
2 which to live, work, and raise a family; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
4 Legislature hereby recognize February 27, 2003, as Mexia Day at the
5 State Capitol and extend warmest best wishes to all involved for an
6 enjoyable and informative stay in Austin.