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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On March 4, 2003, many proud residents of
2 Gainesville have gathered in Austin to celebrate Gainesville
3 Appreciation Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Established in 1850 and named for Texas patriot
5 Edmund Pendleton Gaines, Gainesville enjoys a long and
6 distinguished history; after the Civil War, massive cattle drives,
7 oil, and cotton helped to spur growth and bring prosperity to the
8 area, and the city now has a multifaceted economy that revolves
9 around agribusiness, aircraft and steel fabrication plants,
10 manufacturing, and tourism; and

11 WHEREAS, This charming city serves as the county seat of
12 Cooke County and has many noteworthy attractions, including the
13 25-acre Frank Buck Zoo, which charges no admission and annually
14 draws more than 110,000 people; moreover, the zoo holds the
15 distinction of being one of the oldest in our state and is named for
16 Gainesville native Frank Buck, Jr., who is considered the father of
17 America's modern zoos; and

18 WHEREAS, Gainesville also features a large historic district
19 that is replete with brick-paved streets and Victorian-style homes
20 dating to the 19th century; in addition, the city is home to the
21 Kinne's Jewelers Museum, Morton Museum of Cooke County, Texas
22 Travel Information Center, and Amtrak's Heartland Flyer, as well as
23 North Central Texas College; and

24 WHEREAS, Located 67 miles north of the Dallas/Fort Worth

1 Metroplex, Gainesville offers its residents a splendid combination
2 of small-town virtues and access to big-city life, and the city's
3 proximity to several bodies of water and recreation facilities
4 makes it a prime destination for outdoor and water enthusiasts; and

5 WHEREAS, With its innate charm, unspoiled beauty, and rich
6 heritage and culture, Gainesville remains one of the Lone Star
7 State's great assets; nationally recognized as the first and only
8 Medal of Honor Host City, Gainesville truly is an outstanding place
9 in which to live, work, and raise a family, and it is most
10 appropriate to pay tribute to the city and its residents at this
11 time; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize March 4, 2003, as Gainesville
14 Appreciation Day at the State Capitol and extend to its citizens
15 sincere best wishes for success and happiness in their future
16 endeavors.