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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On this day, April 9, 2003, residents of the city of
2 Marshall, Texas, have traveled to Austin to commemorate Marshall
3 Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Located a short distance from the Texas-Louisiana
5 border, Marshall is situated amidst the beautiful rolling hills of
6 East Texas; it was named in honor of Chief Justice John Marshall and
7 has served as the seat of Harrison County since 1842; and

8 WHEREAS, By 1860, Marshall had become one of the largest and
9 wealthiest towns in the region; its subsequent success is credited,
10 in large part, to the railway system that supported the town's
11 commercial and industrial development and sizable agricultural
12 industry from the late 1850s onward; and

13 WHEREAS, Marshall has also long been considered an
14 educational center for East Texas; that tradition carries on today,
15 as it is the home of three institutions of higher learning: East
16 Texas Baptist University, Texas State Technical College, and Wiley
17 College; and

18 WHEREAS, Blessed with an abundance of red and white clay,
19 residents of Marshall have built a flourishing ceramics industry
20 within their close-knit community; with 12 wholesale pottery
21 manufacturers, five retail outlets, and countless talented
22 artisans, the city continues to enjoy ever-increasing fame for its
23 attractive wares; and

24 WHEREAS, Over the years, citizens of Marshall have

1 demonstrated a deeply rooted commitment to preserving their
2 heritage; visitors to this lovely town can reflect on times gone by
3 during a leisurely stroll through the Ginocchio National Historic
4 District, which features one of the state's finest examples of
5 Victorian hotel architecture, the 1896 Ginocchio Hotel; selected to
6 participate in the 2003 Texas Main Street Graduate City Program,
7 the city is also the site of the Texas and Pacific Depot, the Allen
8 House, the Weisman Center, and the Harrison County Historical
9 Museum, which is currently being restored, all of which contribute
10 to a newly revitalized downtown area; and

11 WHEREAS, Marshall was named an All-American City by the
12 National Municipal League in 1976, one of only a handful of cities
13 in the United States chosen that year to receive this prestigious
14 honor; its residents can take pride not only in their beloved
15 community's history, but also in its potential for a bright and
16 promising future; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
18 Legislature hereby recognize April 9, 2003, as Marshall Day at the
19 State Capitol and extend to the city's visiting delegation best
20 wishes for an enjoyable and informative stay in Austin.