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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to
2 welcome the fine citizens from San Antonio who have journeyed to
3 Austin April 1, 2003, in recognition of San Antonio Legislative Day
4 at the State Capitol; and

5 WHEREAS, San Antonio's history can be traced back to 1691,
6 when a band of Spanish explorers and missionaries came upon a river
7 that, because it was the feast day of St. Anthony, they named "San
8 Antonio"; and

9 WHEREAS, The city itself was founded in 1718 by Father
10 Antonio Olivares when he established Mission San Antonio de Valero,
11 which became permanently etched in the annals of history; the
12 Alamo, as the mission became known, served as a fort in 1836 when
13 189 defenders held off some 4,000 Mexican troops for 13 days; and

14 WHEREAS, The cry "Remember the Alamo" became the rallying
15 point of the Texas Revolution against Mexico, and today the
16 historic mission is a shrine and museum, recognized as the cradle of
17 Texas liberty; and

18 WHEREAS, San Antonio has retained its sense of history and
19 tradition, while making room for cosmopolitan progress; it is a
20 crossroads where the rich sounds and flavors of Native America, Old
21 Mexico, Germany, the Wild West, and the Deep South mingle; and

22 WHEREAS, The city has a proud military heritage, serving as
23 home to Fort Sam Houston, the former Kelly Air Force Base, Lackland
24 Air Force Base, and Brooks City-Base; and

1 WHEREAS, Recent years have brought remarkable economic
2 development to San Antonio because of the city's skilled workforce,
3 excellent institutions of public and higher education, and
4 flourishing industries of biomedical sciences, health care,
5 tourism, informational technology and security, aviation,
6 aerospace, and telecommunications; and

7 WHEREAS, Nearly eight million visitors each year delight in
8 the discovery of San Antonio's charms, including the Alamo, La
9 Villita, San Fernando Cathedral, the San Antonio Missions Trail,
10 the McNay Art Museum, the San Antonio Museum of Art, and the famed
11 Paseo del Rio, better known as "The Riverwalk"; this vibrant city is
12 also home to many other popular tourist attractions such as Six
13 Flags Fiesta Texas, Sea World, and the San Antonio Zoo, ranked as
14 one of the best in the country; and

15 WHEREAS, With over 300 days of sunshine annually, San Antonio
16 provides visitors with a multitude of outdoor sports, recreation,
17 and festive activities; the biggest party of the year is held April
18 19-27, 2003, as the city celebrates Fiesta San Antonio with a
19 nine-day extravaganza that celebrates the rich and diverse heritage
20 of the city; and

21 WHEREAS, Frank Tolbert, a noted Texas historian and
22 journalist, once said, "Every Texan has two homes, his own and San
23 Antonio"; a vibrant city of distinct and beautiful multicultural
24 heritage, friendly and welcoming residents, and warm hospitality,
25 San Antonio is indeed a second home for all citizens of the Lone
26 Star State; now, therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby recognize April 1, 2003, as San Antonio
2 Legislative Day at the State Capitol and extend sincere best wishes
3 to the visitors from San Antonio for an enjoyable and memorable
4 visit.