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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 join the citizens of Round Rock in recognizing April 7, 2003, as
3 Round Rock Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, This is a special day for the citizens of Round Rock
5 to gather at the Capitol to celebrate the contributions they have
6 made to the heritage of the State of Texas; and

7 WHEREAS, Long before the arrival of the first white settlers
8 in the 1800s, the Tonkawa, Lipan Apache, Comanche, and Tawakoni
9 Indians hunted and gathered in the Round Rock area; and

10 WHEREAS, The city is named for the round, table-topped
11 limestone rock located at a low water crossing in Brushy Creek; the
12 rock is recognized as a tribute to the weary pioneers who forded the
13 creek as they were looking for a better life in the West; and

14 WHEREAS, The town of Round Rock began to take form after Jesse
15 Chisholm marked his trail nearby in 1864 as he was on his way from
16 the Rio Grande River to Abilene; the real boom for commerce occurred
17 in 1876, when the Texas Land Company began building a new town at
18 the end of the line for the Great Northern Railroad; today, many of
19 those original buildings still stand; and

20 WHEREAS, Round Rock was incorporated in 1913, and the newly
21 formed city government began improving utilities, services, and
22 streets; throughout the 20th century, the city experienced
23 population growth, and its citizens worked together to overcome
24 problems, such as a prolonged drought in 1978 and the need for

1 improved health care facilities; collectively, Round Rock citizens
2 embrace the city's motto of "Purpose, Passion, Prosperity"; and

3 WHEREAS, The thriving city of 75,000 offers a high quality of
4 life for its citizens, including numerous recreational activities
5 and an award-winning park system, library, and school district; not
6 only does Round Rock have the lowest property tax and utility rates
7 in the region but also one of the lowest crime rates in the state;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, It is the home of the Round Rock Express Baseball
10 Club and the internationally recognized Dell Computer Corporation;
11 community events such as Frontier Days and Daffodil Days bring
12 numerous visitors to the city; and

13 WHEREAS, The residents of Round Rock can reflect on their
14 community's history and progress with great pride, and the State of
15 Texas and the city of Round Rock can look forward to a shared future
16 of opportunities and challenges; and

17 WHEREAS, In keeping with the Central Texas spirit of
18 generosity and hospitality, the city is inviting the members of the
19 Texas Legislature to attend Round Rock Day at Dell Diamond for an
20 evening of Texas League baseball and a visit with baseball legend
21 Nolan Ryan; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
23 Legislature hereby recognize April 7, 2003, as Round Rock Day at the
24 State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the citizens of Round
25 Rock who have come to the Capitol today.